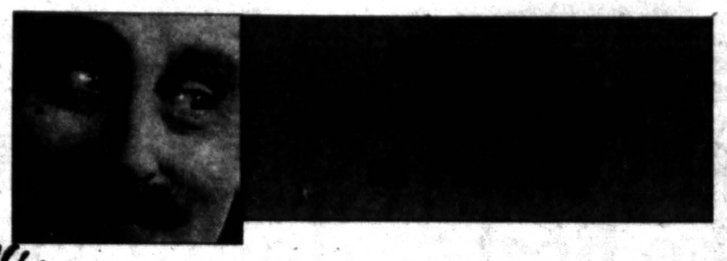
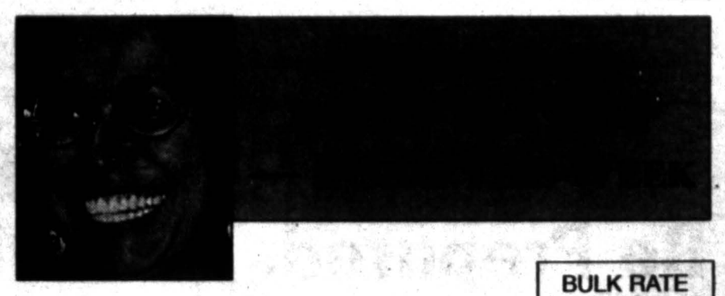

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CARMEL VALLEY GRAPEVINES MORPH FROM WHITE TO RED

By MARY BROWNFIELD

HOW DO you change the grapes in your vineyard without changing the vines?

Joullian Vineyards has the answer — grafting. When Joullian's winemaker decided the chardonnay grapes growing in Cachagua were not quite up to snuff, especially in comparison to the successful zinfandel, he decided to switch one varietal for the other.

But rather than pull mature chardonnay vines out of the ground, plant new zinfandel, and wait three years for the new crop to finally fruit, winemaker Ridge Watson and vineyard manager Angel Cabrera hired a specialist to graft zinfandel cuttings onto the chardonnay vines.

"Our tremendous success with zinfandel has caused us to look at increasing our production, and the gravelly soil type is what our best zinfandel grows on — but it's also what the chardonnay is on," Watson said. Joullian produces Carmel Valley's only zinfandel.

PHOTO/MARY BROWNFIELD

Grafter Antonio Ibarra (holding bucket and brush) and his crew grafted zinfandel cuttings onto mature chardonnay vines at Joullian Vineyards in Cachagua this week. Grafting close to five acres of vines takes three or four days to complete.

Grafting involves lopping the mature vines off about two feet from the ground, slitting the top on both sides at an angle, inserting a four-inch cutting of the new variety, binding the plant and painting over the open wound with Treecure to prevent any virus or fungus from intruding.

Carmel Valley vines are susceptible to *eutypa* — a bac-

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Voters choice: experience or expertise?

By PAUL MILLER

INCUMBENT COUNCILMEMBERS Barbara Livingston and Marshall Hydorn asked voters to reelect them April 11 to provide continuity as the council completes work on a host of important city projects.

Two of their challengers, Dick Ely and Gerard Rose, argued that their impressive credentials as experts in the law, land-use planning and the environment make them better choices for the future of the small coastal village.

"Never in the history of our community has it been as important to reelect those who have kept their promises to protect our community," Livingston said in her opening remarks at a candidates' forum sponsored by The Pine Cone this week. "I have a consistent record for voting to preserve the time-honored traditional residential, environmental and architectural values of this village," she said.

Hydorn also argued that it is a bad time for voters to elect new council members. City projects now underway — including renovation of Sunset Center, protection of historic buildings and rewriting development rules — are among the "largest and most complex that Carmel has ever undertaken," he said. "Much depends, however, on continuity in the council .... you don't change horses in the middle of the stream,"

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Pine survivors face needle again

By TAMARA GRIPPI

A PROMISING test group of Monterey pine seedlings that have shown resistance to pitch canker were put to the test again this week as University of California scientists inoculated the group with the disease for the second time.

"My expectation is that some of these trees will fall out as susceptible and we'll be left with some number that are truly resistant," said Tom Gordon, Ph.D., a professor in the Department of Plant Pathology at U.C. Davis.

Thirty-seven seedlings survived from a group of 200 that were initially inoculated with spores from the pitch canker

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Newest Carmel cop saves heart attack victim's life

By MARY BROWNFIELD

DURING HIS less than six months on the Carmel police force, Officer Aaron Roth achieved something many members of law enforcement never have the opportunity to do — he helped save a life.

Roth — who started working with CPD in October — was the first to respond to the Music Box at Ocean and San Carlos when a call came in that an elderly man there had suffered cardiac arrest. Arriving before any other emergency personnel, Roth took over CPR from a nurse who happened to be on scene when the man collapsed.

Although Roth came to CPD from Contra Costa, where he worked in public safety for five years, the March 10 medical emergency during which he helped save 65-year-old Ohio resident Joseph Kronik's life was his first.

He said the call — which came in at 5 that afternoon — made him nervous at first.

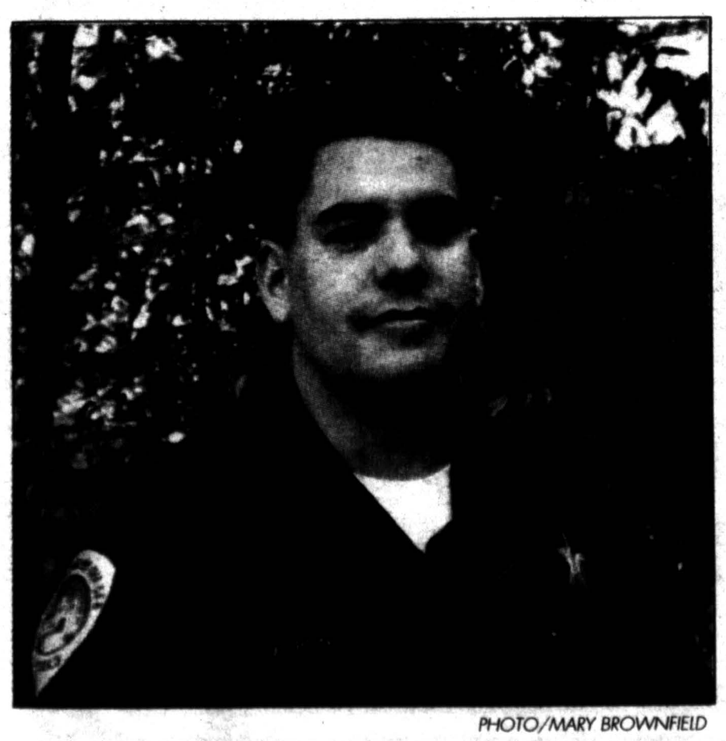
"I was really nervous about taking medical calls. But when you get there," all the training kicks in, he said.

Carmel Fire Captain Mitch Kastros and his engineer, Tim Connell, along with fire personnel August Beacham and David Jedinak, arrived shortly after Roth and took over the rescue, using CPR and shock paddles to resuscitate the elderly man.

By the time Kronik was taken to Community Hospital, he was breathing on his own, according to CFD Administrative Coordinator Leslie Fenton.

Roth said he'd heard the man had been doing more than that — he'd been complaining.

"Fire said that by the time they got him to CHOMP, he was saying he wanted to go home," he laughed.



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Officer Aaron Roth joined the Carmel police force in October.

Quiet Carmel

Deciding Carmel sounded enticing after five years in the hectic San Francisco Bay Area, Roth said he applied for a job at CPD when Officer Joe Avila — who also came from

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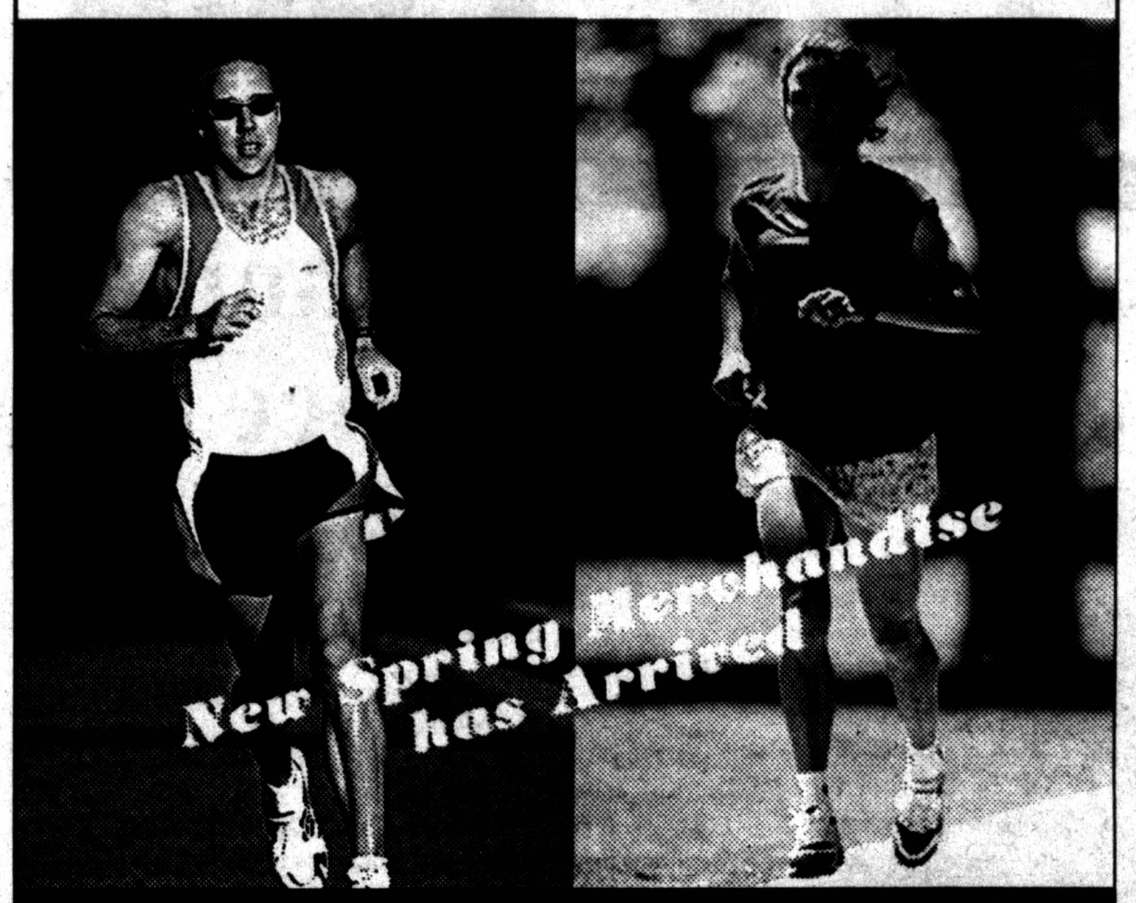

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Cats threatened with death still need homes

By MARY BROWNFIELD

HALF OF the flock of feral cats left to fend for themselves outside a deceased Pebble Beach woman's estate have found new homes, but nine are still in need of saviors.

SPCA Feline Auxiliary point-person Maureen Brennan has been trapping, neutering, vaccinating and releasing the feral cats at new homes single-handedly, a task she wants to see finished soon, she said.

"I hope people will continue to call, or I don't know what I'll do," said Brennan. She has already placed four cats, but four remain in carriers at her house recovering from surgery, and nine more still live at the vacant Pebble Beach home.

"The four I have now are going stir crazy — they are being kept in carriers, and are used to being independent and having each other," Brennan said. "I'm taking three out to someone in San Benancio Canyon today. I can't wait to let them out of their cages."

Although the Feline Auxiliary typically helps people manage feral cat colonies through trapping the cats, altering them, vaccinating them and releasing them back into their habitat — not relocating them — Brennan took on the Pebble Beach cats after learning of their plight from the new homeowner who unknowingly inherited them.

A 93-year-old woman had been feeding the cats for years. But when she died and her Pebble Beach house sold, the new owners did not want the cats they discovered had made the two-acre property their home.

Unable to bear the thought of the cats being trapped and euthanized by animal control — feral cats usually aren't suitable for adoption through the usual channels — Brennan decided to find the cats new homes herself.

She uses traps bought with donated funds and uses money from the Feral Cat Altering Program to neuter the cats. Any additional costs have been covered by money donated by concerned Peninsula residents.

Brennan said she is thankful for the community's willingness to assist her in finding new homes for the cats.

"So far it's worked out really well for the ones we've placed," she said. "I am ever so grateful to the people who have called."

Some people who can't provide homes for the cats have made donations, according to Brennan. A Pebble Beach woman's cash

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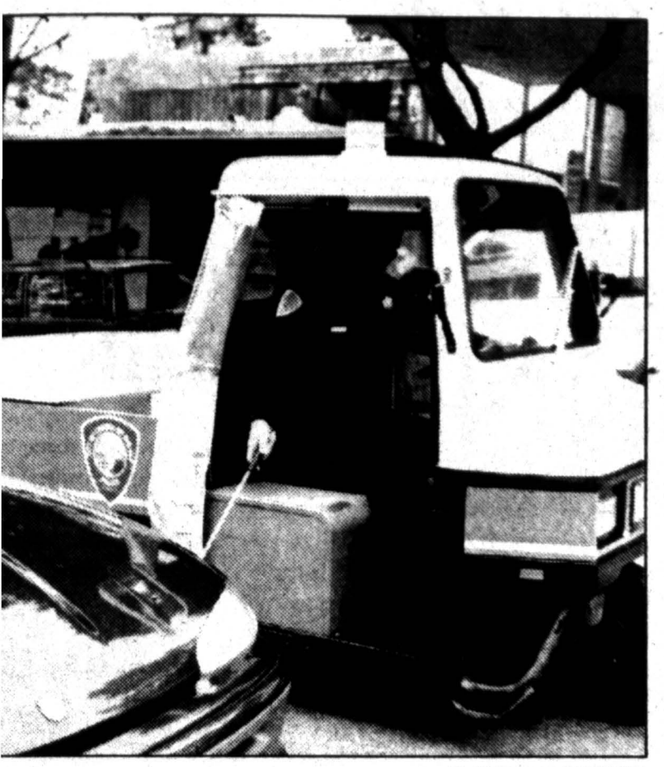

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Community Service Officer Bob Riddle chalks vehicles on Sixth Avenue during his daily parking patrol.

By TAMARA GRIPPI

IT MAY come as a surprise to anyone who's paid a parking ticket in Carmel, but of the $280,000 in gross revenue generated by the program every year, the city nets only $5,000 for civic programs.

The remainder — $275,000 — is gobbled up by supplies, administrative expenses, personnel costs and by Monterey County and the state of California.

"It's always been the view of the community that the city is in the business of issuing traffic tickets to make money," said Carmel Assistant City Administrator Greg D'Ambrosio. "That's not it at all. It's more for the management of parking spaces and keeping turnover honest."

The costs for Carmel's parking enforcement program, which has

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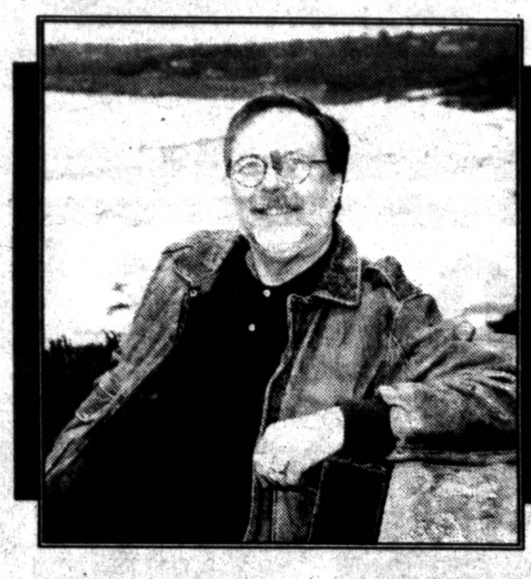

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Threats via nails

HERE'S A look at some of the significant calls logged by the Carmel-by-the-Sea Police Department and the Monterey County Sheriff's Department last week.

SUNDAY, MARCH 5

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Man observed walking through the business area at 0420 hours with miscellaneous buckets in his hands.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Traffic stop made on a motorist driving north on Junipero in the southbound lane. Driver was a lost foreign visitor looking for a hotel. He was led to a hotel and warned about driving on the wrong side of the roadway.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Driver stopped at Junipero and Ocean for a mechanical violation. He did not have a drivers license or proof of insurance. Vehicle towed and stored by Carmel Chevron. Driver cited.

Carmel Valley: Holt Road resident attempted suicide by shooting himself in the head. He was transported to CHOMP, where he was pro-

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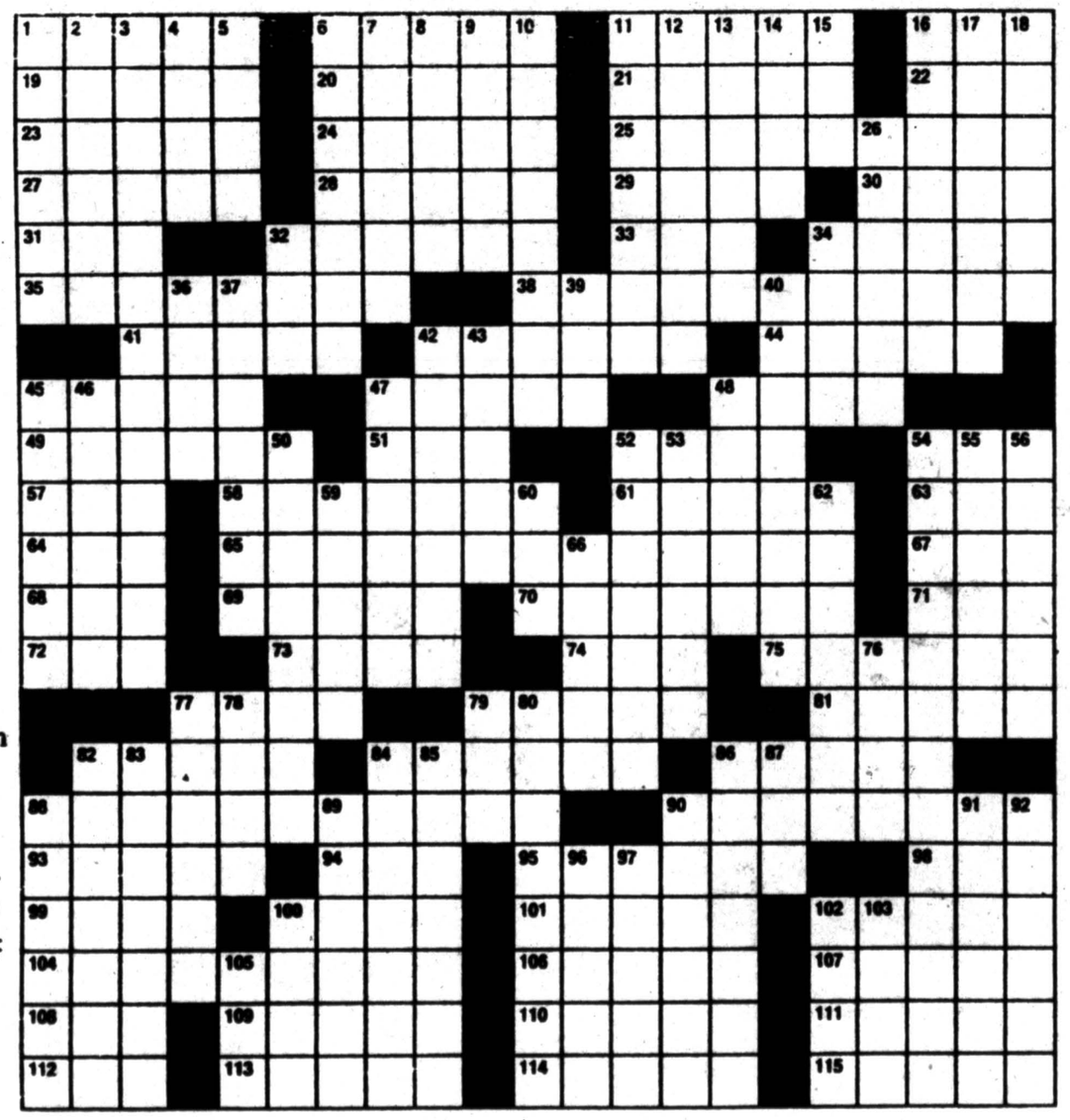

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Answer to this week's puzzle on page 17A

Library takes a holiday; mini-collection bows at Park Branch

By TAMARA GRIPPI

IT ONLY happens once every 75 years or so, but to Carmel's loyal library patrons, it's a bit traumatic. Starting March 22, Harrison Memorial Library will close for at least two months for some major renovations.

Fear not, says Carmel Library Director Margaret Pelikan. The city's well-trafficked library will be moving most of its services a few blocks away to the Park Branch at Mission and Sixth.

While the main library has its roof replaced for the first time since it was built in 1927, all the librarians from the main branch will set up shop in the Park Branch, bringing a selection of 3,200 books — of the main collection's 60,000 books — with them.

The interim collection will be up and running at the Park Branch on March 27.

In addition to the new roof, Harrison Memorial will receive a newly renovated circulation area and be freed from termites. The entire project, including termite fumigation, will cost approximately $80,000, Pelikan said.

The library's telephone numbers, reference service, books-on-tape program, Internet access and hours of operation will remain the same, Pelikan said. The only feature that won't be available is the library's classic video collection.

"All the public has to do is find their way from Ocean and Lincoln to Mission and Sixth," she said.

The librarians have already heard from a number of Carmel's avid readers who are worried whether their favorite books will be included in the select 3,200.

Pelikan explained the selection process was actually quite scientific. The library staff used an inventory of the books recently checked out to determine how much fiction and nonfiction should be included.

They were even able to figure out what sort of nonfiction should be included. The librarians who specialize in each collection handpicked the books based on knowledge of their readers.

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Starting March 22, Harrison Memorial Library will close for at least two months while its roof is replaced and termites are evicted.

The lobby and local history room of the Park Branch will be converted to a temporary adult collection. The local history room books will be stored in the basement.

The timing of the closure isn't ideal since Monterey Public Library will also be closed for repairs from March 13 to April 2, Pelikan said. "We were waiting for the rains to stop," she said. "It just happened that our dates

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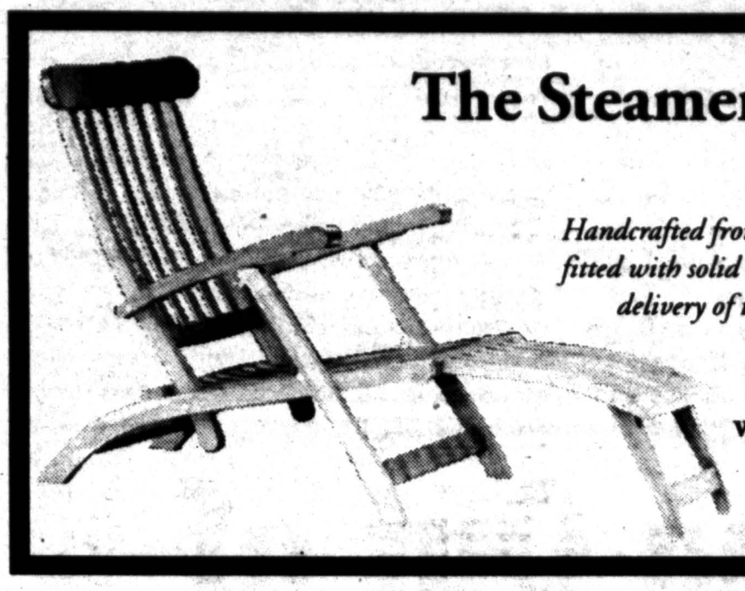

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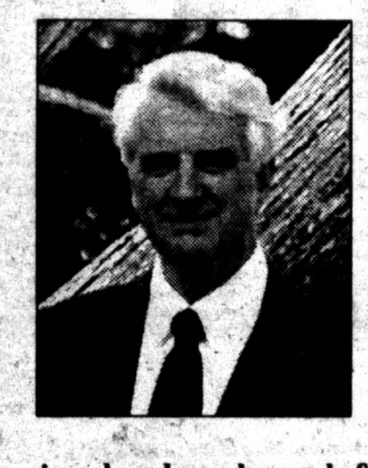

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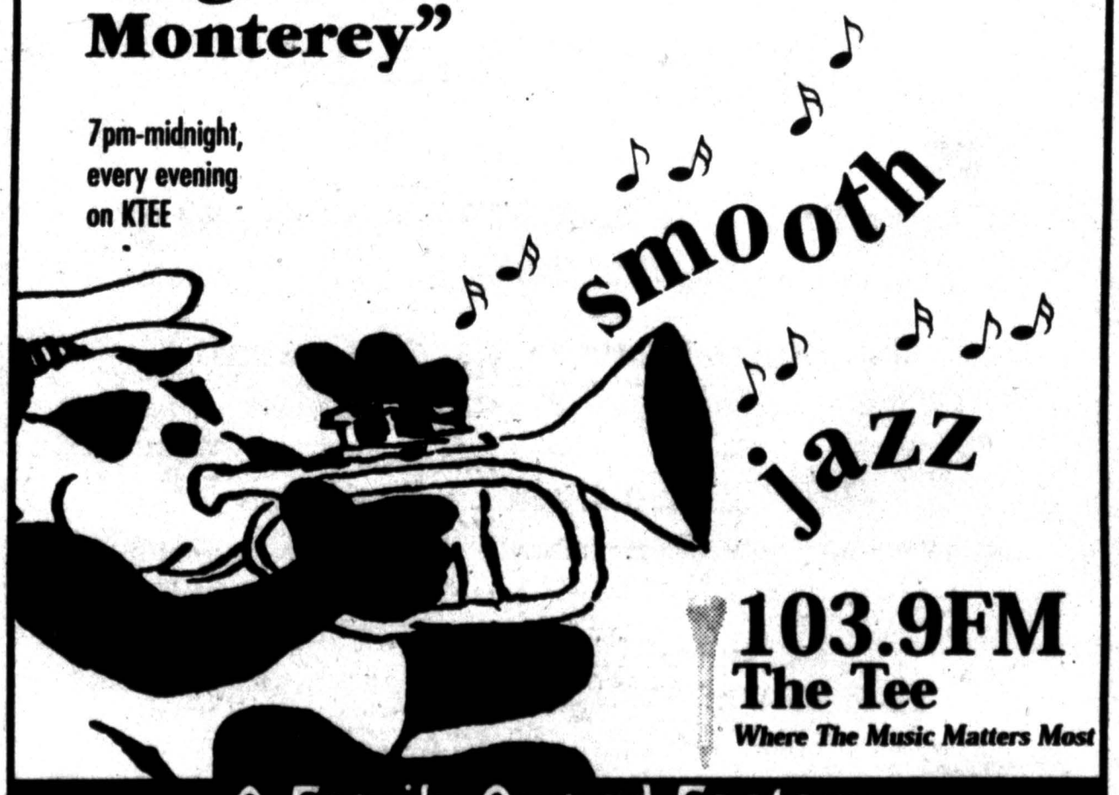

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Hydorn added.

Dick Ely, owner of the Carmel Valley Roasting Company, told the large crowd of Carmel voters at Sunset Center that he should be elected because he has plenty of experience in local politics — including four years as a director of the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District — and an impressive resumé as an expert in land use and government. He said he retired in 1992 after 26 years with the Army Corps of Engineers, during which he was responsible for numerous environmental, land use and urban planning projects, including a comprehensive historic preservation program at West Point.

"I have also implemented and developed and managed environmental programs in New York and out here in California and I have extensive background in labor and public relations," Ely said.

Carmel attorney Gerard Rose also argued that "new ideas" backed by professional expertise in civic issues would benefit the city. "One of the most important challenges arises from land use issues," which, Rose said, has been his specialty for more than 25 years. "I have argued before state and federal courts on land use issues and I think I can bring a special knowledge of those kinds of questions to the council," he added.

Another council candidate, Joe Steinfeld, said he decided to run, despite having lived in Carmel less than a year, to increase public discussion of certain issues. He also made an array of accusations of mismanagement at City Hall, which drew boos from a portion of the audience.

Mayoral candidates Ken White and Sue McCloud — one the incumbent mayor and the other a sitting council member — also painted their contest as one of continuity versus new ideas.

White, who has served four terms, said his leadership is needed to finish what has been started during the last eight years.

"You've all been worried about the type of construction that's been going on in the residential district and the design traditions project is designed to do something about that," White said. Another set of development standards will keep "the business district the way we like it to look," and he said completion of the renovation of Sunset Center is "at the very top of our list."

He asked voters to give him another term because his leadership and emphasis on "consensus building" will help "preserve this city and our way of life."

McCloud said the city suffers from a lack of long-term planning and made a strong pitch for a multi-year budget.

"We need to emulate the example of the town's founding fathers who combined competence and idealism," McCloud said, "and rededicate ourselves to community pride with goodwill, neighborliness and respect for others." She also said she would increase communication with residents and second-home owners, principally through television coverage of city council and planning commission meetings.

The candidates offered their position on historic preservation, Highway 1 traffic problems and the Peninsula's perennial water shortage.

This week The Pine Cone continues a series of answers provided by the candidates on the important issues in the campaign. Their positions on the raccoon overpopulation problems and the health of the Monterey pine forest are printed beginning on page 7B.

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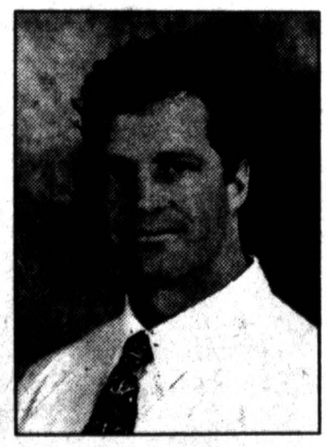

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C.V. self-storage project kicked back to planning

By MARY BROWNFIELD

DESPITE SOMETIMES impassioned testimony from 29 people speaking in opposition to Steve Mirabito's proposed 77,145-square-foot outdoor boat, RV and mini storage plan in Mid-Valley, the Monterey County Board of Supervisors voted 4 to 1 — with Supervisor Dave Potter dissenting — not to kill the project outright. Instead, the board told Mirabito to go back to the planning commission with new plans.

Based on water and traffic concerns, the supervisors decided the existing project — outdoor storage areas, eight mini storage warehouse units, a 1,200-square-foot single-story office building, a 2,500-square-foot existing single family residence to be used as an office, and a sign — would have to go back to the drawing board.

Mirabito appeared in front of the board March 14 to appeal the county planning commission's July 14, 1999 denial of the project.

Attorney Anthony Lombardo, representing Mirabito, argued the project would not impact traffic, but in fact reduce it because the facility would serve the Carmel Valley residents who normally travel out to Monterey, Seaside or Marina for storage.

"This type of use would capture traffic," he said, adding that the county exempted storage facilities from traffic impact fees because they reduce traffic in and out of Carmel Valley.

He said the water question — the project requires more water credits than the land currently carries — cannot be answered until the project is approved because a business cannot apply for transfer credits from other commercial lots without viable plans in place.

The bulk of the opposition to the project arose from residents and a few business people in the areas adjacent to the project site, which is zoned commercial, along Center Street and Berwick Drive. Opponents said adjacent residential areas would be ruined by heavy duty trucks and trailers trundling up their small streets to the storage site.

"Center Street is a quiet residential street that sees more foot traffic than vehicles," said resident Donna Hagerty. "I request you vote to deny with prejudice. There are better uses for this property."

But the property owners deny that there are more compatible commercial uses for the land, according to their realtor, Jack Johnson, who told the commission they had received offers to turn the property into facilities for heavy equipment storage, bus parking, kennels and a school.

His clients chose the storage facility proposal because the use seemed most compatible with the nearby commercial and residential areas, he said.

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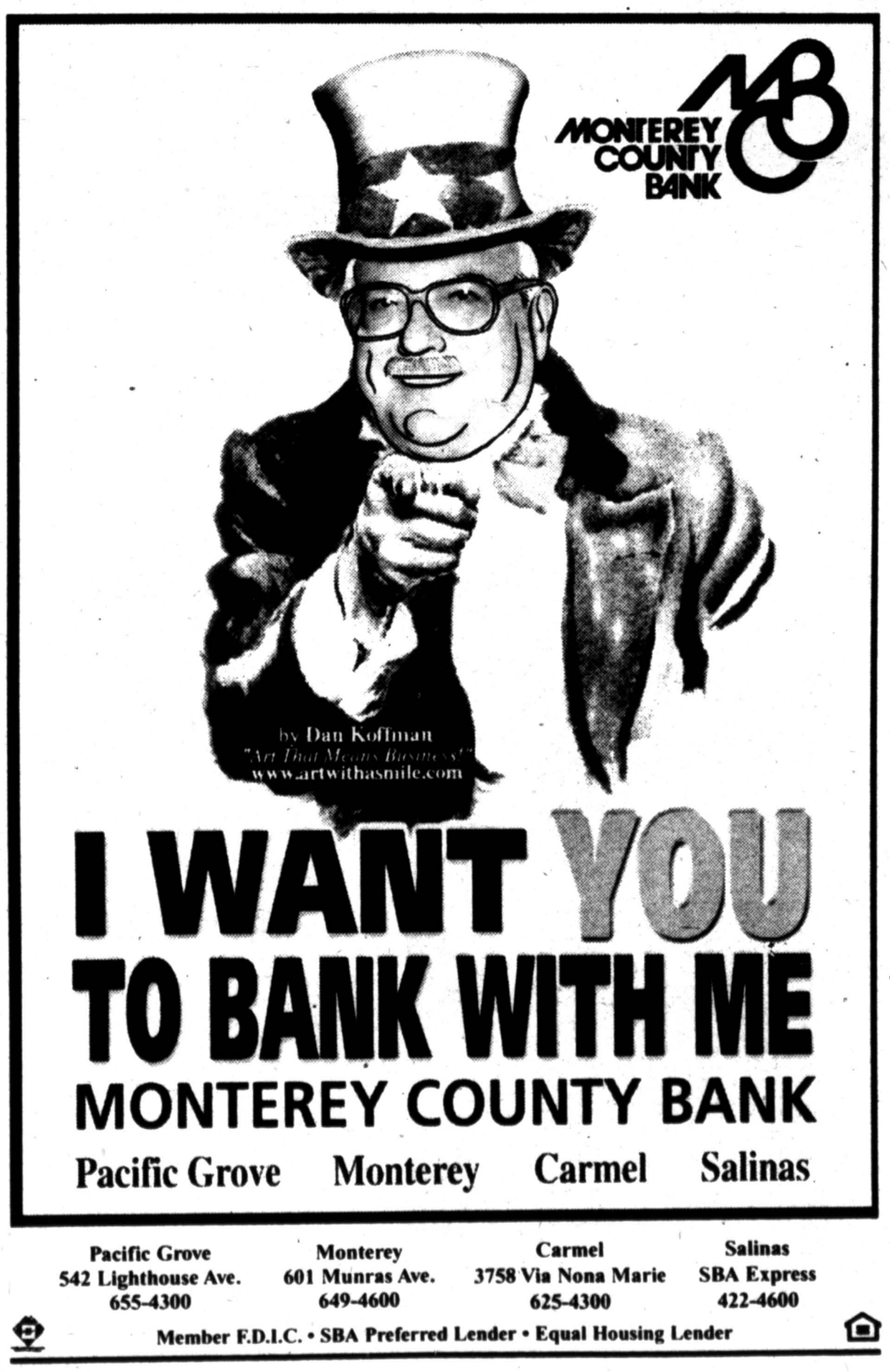

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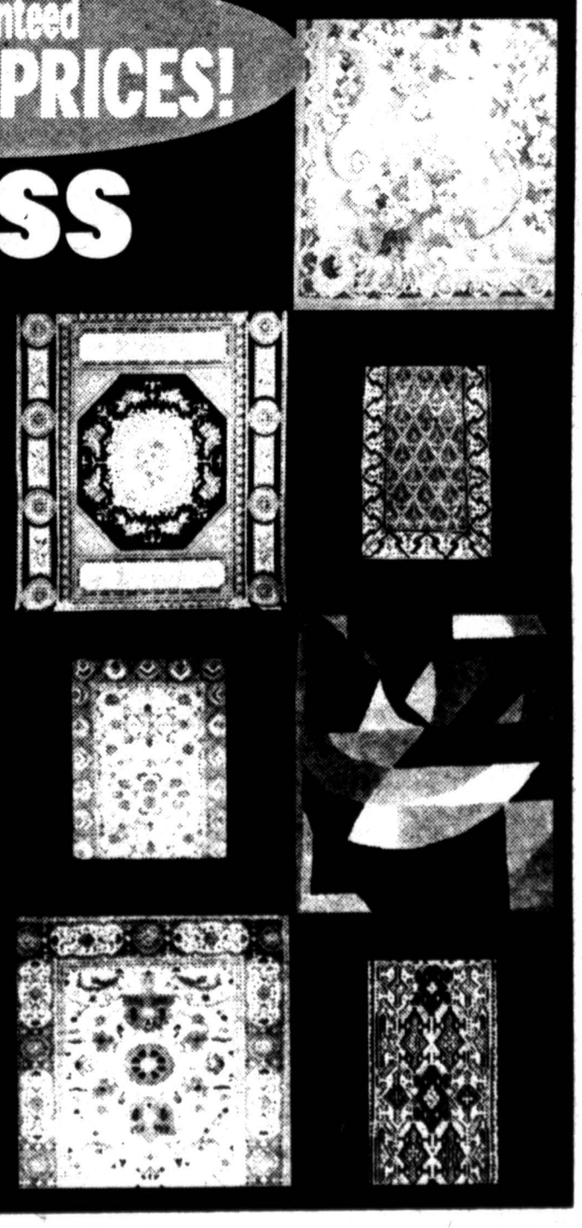

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PINES

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fungus in November 1998. The promising trees, about three feet tall, are growing in pots near the Carmel police station.

"We always test the trees a second time," Gordon said. "It's always possible that the pathogen doesn't develop for some other reason than the condition of the tree."

The trees that survive their second exposure to the disease could become a major source to replace pines killed by pitch canker in Carmel.

"We need to decide what's the best use of the trees," said Gordon. "Cuttings can produce large numbers of individuals from each tree."

The resistant seedlings were germinated and grown from the seeds of trees in Carmel that didn't appear to have any symptoms of pitch canker, said Carmel City Forester Gary Kelly.

Cloning, however, has its own limitations. Gordon explained that it's never a good idea to plant a large area with a very small number of clones.

"There would be the risk of something unusual about the clone that we won't know about ahead of time," he said. "It's always advisable to have a diverse genetic base."

In addition, the plant pathologist also advised against establishing non-native trees in a forest. "We wouldn't want to plant one genotype widely throughout the Peninsula," he said.

Gordon and other scientists plan to use Carmel for a laboratory for a new study of pine trees that appear to develop resistance to pitch canker over time.

'. . . some of these trees will fall out as susceptible and we'll be left with some number that are truly resistant.'

— Tom Gordon
UC Davis professor of plant pathology

Kelly recommended trees surrounding the Vista Lobos parking lot as prime candidates for the research.

Gordon and others have observed pines in the Santa Cruz area, which were highly infected in 1996 and now show no evidence of the disease. Many of the trees at Vista Lobos are starting to show the same pattern.

"We have reason to believe they've acquired resistance that's greater than what they had, but we haven't proven that," Gordon said.

The scientists plan to test the levels of resistance by inoculating some of those trees with the disease. "The other part of the experiment is to see if we can reduce this resistance artificially," Gordon said.

PHOTO/MARY BROWNFIELD

University of California scientists David Wood and Tom Gordon inoculate a group of Monterey pine seedlings with the pitch canker fungus. Scientists and city officials both hope that the trees will prove resistant to the disease.

LIBRARY

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backed up."

Some patrons also wondered if there was any way to retrieve a favorite book once the main library has closed. But Pelikan explained that once the librarians clear out, there's no going back.

The shelves will be sealed in plastic until the library reopens near the end of May. Pelikan hopes locals will look on the bright side of things.

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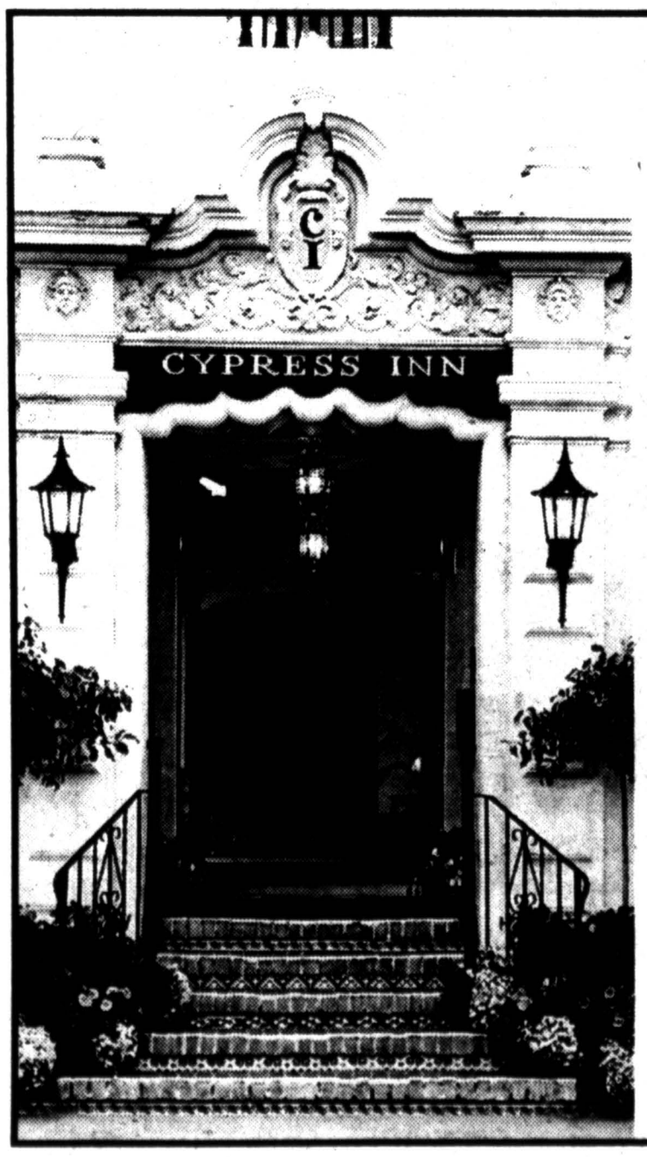

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City: Trim eucalyptus now, yank them later

By TAMARA GRIPPI

THE CARMEL City Council approved a major eucalyptus trimming project on Fourth Avenue this week, and agreed to come up with a plan to remove the 32 aging trees in the not-too-distant future.

By putting together a "cooperative purchasing agreement" with West Coast Arborists, Carmel will receive the same "per tree" rates that Monterey paid for tree work last September.

'I sat in my home and watched one of those things fall on my neighbor's house.

— Paul Coss

All told, Carmel's eucalyptus trimming project will cost $16,580 — an amount that's far less than what city officials originally thought they would have to pay to reduce the foliage on the colossal trees.

The council agreed that in addition to trimming the trees immediately, the city should plan to remove them in the future — a course of action long advocated by residents of the street.

"I sat in my home and watched one of those things fall on my neighbor's house," Paul Coss told the council during its March 14 special meeting. "I'd like to ask you to put a complete package together so that the trees that are not indigenous to the area will leave."

"I'm glad to see you have some funds to trim the trees," said Jim Wright. "It's been a long time for me to come to the view that those trees should be removed, but I have come to that position."

Before the city can remove the eucalyptus trees, it will have to undertake an environmental review of the project, city officials said. The paperwork requirement has to be met even if the trees — which are native to Australia — are replaced with native species, they said.

"My sense is that it is going to take some time to prepare for the review," said Carmel Forester Gary Kelly. "For the safety of the people, we should do this portion first."

The Southern California-based tree company will be able to start work on the eucalyptus trimming within two weeks, Kelly said.

It's been about 15 years since the last time the city took on a major pruning project along Fourth Avenue. The eucalyptus grove along Fourth Avenue was planted in the early 1900s along with a large stand of trees on San Antonio Avenue.

The trees were imported as a potential source of timber and as wind-breaks. But as the trees have aged they have become a hazard for residents of the area; numerous eucalyptus have fallen during storms. They also sometimes drop their heavy branches and rain acorns and leaves on everything below.

Women charged with prostitution at Carmel inn

By MARY BROWNFIELD

IN A sting designed to uncover masseuses working without proper county permits, Monterey County Sheriff's deputies arrested five women for prostitution and one for pandering at local hotels March 11.

At issue were not the hotels — undercover investigators chose the venues randomly — but the massage and escort services advertising in local papers and the Yellow Pages, according to Deputy Bill Cassara, the sheriff's department's public information officer.

"It could have been any other hotel on the Peninsula or in Salinas, and probably will be sometime in the future," he said. "It's no reflection on management or the venue. They had no idea. We rented a room just like anyone else."

Massage technicians must carry permits issued by the sheriff's department, according to a county ordinance. Cassara said the sting was designed to see whether or not the masseuses had proper permits, but grew to a prostitution bust after the plain-clothed officers were allegedly propositioned by the women.

While he could not reveal the specifics of the investigation, Cassara said, "At one point, the plain-clothes deputy or investigator was solicited for a sexual favor in exchange for money."

Of the six arrested, only two — Monterey resident Kim Chun and Corralitos resident Marilyn Calderon — were taken into custody at the Carmel Mission Inn. The other four were arrested at the Artichoke Inn in Castroville. Chun and Calderon were transported to Monterey County Jail and booked, according to Cassara, on misdemeanor charges of prostitution and not having a permit to operate as a massage therapist.

ROTH

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Contra Costa — called and told him there was an opening.

"It's Joe's fault — he called me up and said CPD had an opening, and I thought Carmel would be a nice place," he said.

Roth works the evening shift, which he said mostly involves false alarms and barking dogs. Medical calls like the March 10 incident are the exception, rather than the norm.

"I like it. It's a little slow, but a nice change of pace from being busy all the time," he said.

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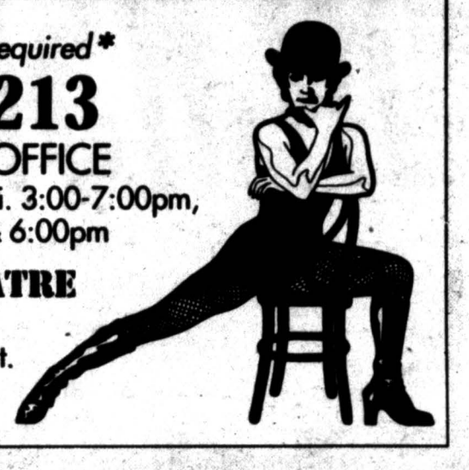

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Although appointment to Knight's spot on the council might be just a seven-month gig — the next city elections are in November — people are reportedly coming out of the woodwork to vie for the seat. At the March 15 council meeting, P.G. Mayor Sandy Koffman told the audience she's already received "numerous inquiries" about the opening, although she didn't name names.

Koffman later told The Pine Cone that she's talked to probably a dozen people who are interested.

The council decided to let the public apply until 2 p.m. on Friday, March 24. Council members will interview applicants at a special meeting on Tuesday, March 28 and try to appoint the person that night. Applications are available downstairs at city hall.

One resident has already let the council know he's interested. Gary Russell was the next best voter-getter in the last election, and he told the council it should appoint a person who will want to serve more than just the next seven months.

"I consider it a chance for a learning experience, to get the learning curve going" before the fall election, Russell said. He said regardless of whom the council appoints, he's running in November.

Downtown business owner Beau Finklang recommended the council appoint someone with a "similar ideological viewpoint" as Knight's, noting the former council woman was a business supporter.

"Michelle was elected by the people and we can't forget that. I don't want a council that votes seven to zero," Finklang said.

Finklang recommended the council appoint Connie Perry, a real estate agent and former Chamber of Commerce president who is active in city affairs.

Perry told The Pine Cone she intends to test the waters.

"I'm always at a lot of these meetings and maybe I can be an asset for the time being," Perry said.

If the council finds it can't agree on a candidate and doesn't appoint one by April 5, Mayor Sandy Koffman will have sole discretion to choose the person.

"I would hope it won't come to that," she told The Pine Cone.

If the public doesn't like the council's choice, it won't have to endure it past November. At that time, the remaining two years of Knight's term will go to a vote. The mayor's seat and three four-year terms are up for election then, as well.

"People who serve on the council and go to all the meetings all share a common passion: a love of the city of Pacific Grove, " Koffman said. "This is the biggest opportunity to participate in the decisions that will guide the present and future of the community."

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VINEYARDS

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terium in the air fostered by madrone trees and ceanothus — that kills grape vines, according to Watson.

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The zinfandel vines are cut from dormant plants on other Cachagua acreage and placed in cold storage until they are grafted onto the existing Chardonnay vines.

"We put them in plastic bags with pine shavings that are moistened, not wet, and then put them in the bottom of an empty wine tank and turn it on to 35 degrees," he said. "It's the best of any storage system because we maintain control."

After the cuttings are grafted in, the grafter cuts another slit at the base of the plant to allow excess sap to drain.

"The vines have to be bled — the sap released — by an incision at the base so that the new grafts are not floated out by the excessive sap that would have risen to the branches," Watson said. "There are two small sticks where there were two big burly arms."

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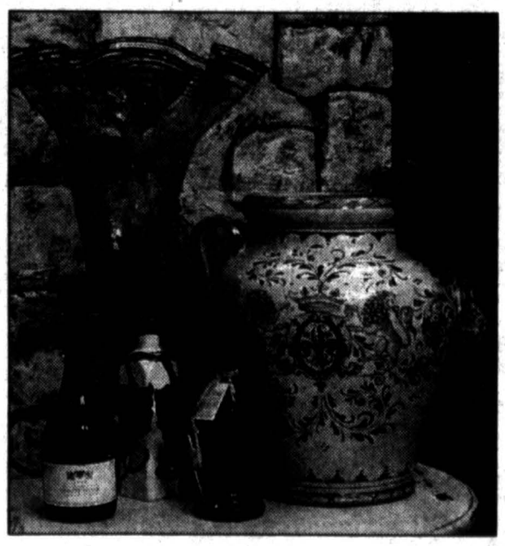
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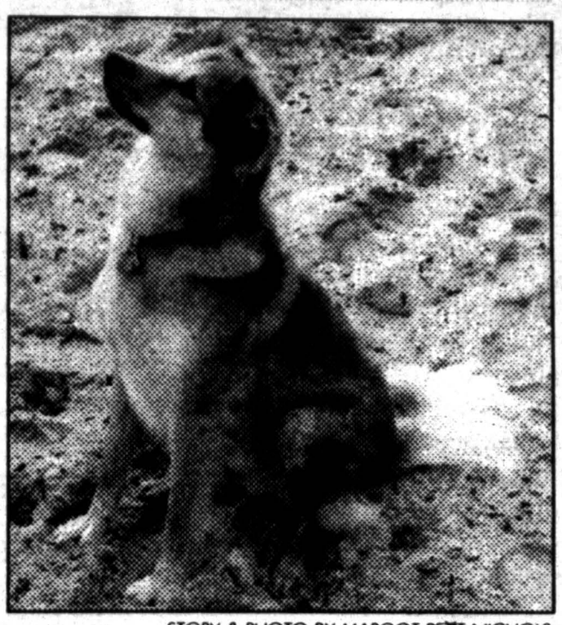

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BAILEY JOLLEY, 3, a terrier/Lab mix, traverses Carmel Beach daily from Del Mar to the south end of the beach, then clambers up the steps to Scenic and runs to the lagoon and back. This helps wear off some of Bailey's unending energy, and helps keep Mom Valerie trim.

Adopted from the SPCA by Dad Roger and Mom when he was a tiny, scared and nervous pup of 3 months, Bailey has been pampered and loved and has blossomed into a friendly, confident and self-possessed adult, known to his family as "Prince" Bailey because he now rules the roost.

Where does he sleep? "Wherever he wants," Mom told us, hinting that Bailey is, perhaps, a mite spoiled. The family room is now called Bailey's Room because he's taken over there, too.

This self-confidence spills over onto the beach, as well: Bailey knows every pooch on the playa and they all know Bailey, frequently deferring to his leadership abilities in their beach games. He recognizes those beachwalkers who habitually carry treats, too, making a bee-line for them when spotted, looking up winsomely – sometimes extending a paw for a shake.

His preferred toy is a squeaky ball and, oh, yes, socks – any old socks, according to Mom. Bailey's favorite at-home game is chasing the garden blue jay who taunts him by trying to steal his outdoor cache of dry food. Other things for which Bailey has a penchant are visits from Big Brother Mark, who goes to City College in Santa Barbara, and Big Sis Octavia, who lives in San Francisco. In between visits, though, Bailey dotes on having Mom and Dad all to himself.

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Real tales from the land of million-dollar real estate

Coffee Break

By Beverly Borgman

BY NOW you've probably read about the one-bedroom home in Palo Alto that recently sold for $550,500.

To be sure, no owner in his or her right mind would have asked that much for an elderly 792-square foot house. That would have been ridiculous. No, it was the potential buyers who kicked the price up to more than half a million – seven of them hoping to outbid each other.

It's the kind of event that real estate agents dream about, and especially those who market homes in Carmel, where fairy-tale houses have sold at fairy-tale prices for a long, long time.

The news from Palo Alto makes our little By-the-Sea fixer-uppers look absolutely penurious at seven figures. Who would want to live on an ordinary street in Palo Alto when they could perhaps telecommute to Silicon Valley from our fabled forest?

The swiftness with which house prices are skyrocketing gives rise to another question: "Who Wants to Marry a Multimillionaire?"

Immediately following the program of the same name, the Fox network reported that the groom had "at least $2 million" in assets.

That and 20 cents will buy you a phone call and maybe a three-bedroom on this peninsula. The young ladies who permed, exercised and dieted themselves to perfection should have been looking at the bigger picture, i.e., millionaires are a dime-a-dozen today due to stock options and the real estate boom, and are likely to live in houses no more grand than the ones their folks bought in the '60s.

Real multimillionaires are a bit harder to find.

A "million"

For us oldies-but-goodies, the word "million" still carries some weight. We grew up when the hottest show on radio was "The $64 Question."

"Sixty-four dollars?" my daughter laughed, incredulous, when I told her that.

"That's right," I said; no zeroes after that 64. And contestants actually had to be smart.

Television and inflation brought us "The $64,000 Question," with participants who had some intelligence, expertise or, in some cases, cheat-sheets. Today on Regis Philbin's "Who Wants to be a Millionaire?" (yet another money-oriented show), the participants may be asked, "Which came first – 'Hill Street Blues' or 'NYPD Blue'?"

As a nation we've gone from rags to riches financially, and riches-to-rags culturally.

Still, all of this begs the question: Will the woman (or man!) who's looking to marry a multimillionaire end up in Pebble Beach? Or in a tiny stucco house a stone's throw from 101?

As real estate prices continue to soar, methinks the lucky couple may end up sleeping in a van down by the river.

WINE

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99.5 percent. He said he anticipates this year's grafting will be very successful.

"The success rate is as much weather dependent as it is the skill of the grafter," he said. "I have learned that in all projects, the follow-up work four to eight weeks after the grafting is the most important part."

The grafter, Antonio Ibarra, travels around Central California with his crew, according to Watson. He moves from warmer climates to cooler ones, and then circles back to do his follow-up work, he said.

Eventually, Joullian's entire 11 acres of chardonnay will be grafted over to other varietals, and the winery's chardonnay will be made entirely from grapes grown by RogerRose Vineyards in the Salinas Valley, Watson said.

This week's grafting over of zinfandel onto chardonnay will use almost five acres of the chardonnay, boosting the vineyard's total acreage of zinfandel to about 7.3 acres of the winery's total 40.4 acres.

Watson said he does not yet know what other types he will graft onto the remainder of the chardonnay, but he knows he will not rip out the existing plants.

"It would cost us approximately $1,500 an acre to rip out the old roots, and then we would have to fallow the land for an additional year and then replant," he said. "And then it takes three years to get any production.

"Whereas if you graft over to an established vine with mature roots, it only takes between one and three years to get into full production, versus three to five years from the ground up," he said. "So you can imagine that's three years of economic zeros."

And Watson said the quality difference between grapes grown on their own vines and grapes grafted to others is negligible — it's the quality of the vines themselves that matters.

When he started researching grapes for the vineyard's first planting in the early '80s, Watson said he tested varietals from other growers and selected only the best for his vineyards.

"We did not call up a nursery and order cabernet sauvignon," he said. "We went to a vineyard that had great cabernet. That's very different than what most people do."

And those high-quality vines are being grafted onto the chardonnay vines now.

"It's the grapes, it's the grapes, it's the grapes — that's what makes great wine," he said. "It's the winemaker's job to mold, but the grapes are still the clay. If you don't have good clay, the statue cracks and falls apart."

Watson said he has great hopes for Joullian's boosted zinfandel production because the grapes are so good. "Winemaking is more like cooking — with fantastic ingredients, you can't screw it up."

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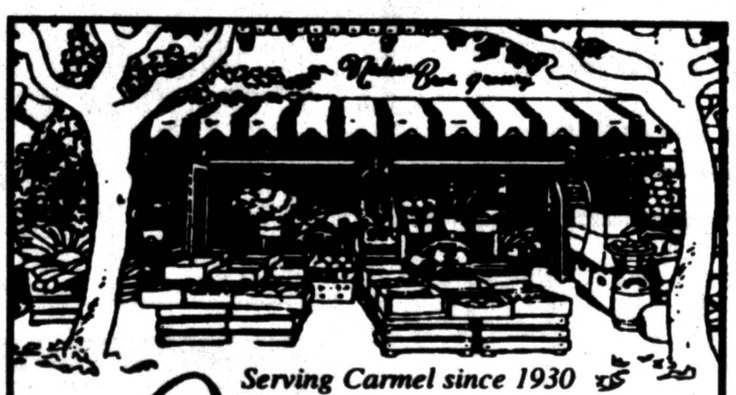

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FERAL

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contribution helped pay the bills for a cat that needed veterinary care.

"Her donation has really come in handy," she said. "Other people who called said they wanted to donate money, food, just little things. It's been a heart-warming experience for me — it shows me that people care."

Brennan said she is waiting to trap the remaining nine cats — three males and six females — until she has homes for them. She is concerned about the female cats getting pregnant before they are spayed, but said that once she traps the cats, she has to hold them until she has found new places for them to live.

"I don't ever put them back there," she said. "I can't trap them and then trap them again, because they won't go back in the traps."

Providing a home for a feral cat does not require much work, according to Brennan, and even food can be donated, if necessary. The cats must be enclosed in a shed or garage for the first three weeks — and fed once a day — so that they feel at home.

After that, the cats can be free to roam. They are often good mousers, she said, but feeding them daily — preferably in a sheltered spot in the morning so that the food does not attract raccoons during the night — is imperative. The cats cannot be forced to fend for themselves, according to Brennan.

Brennan acknowledged some people object to the auxiliary's work because they simply don't want large colonies of cats in their neighborhood, but said she hopes people will learn to accept the group's policy of trapping, neutering and releasing feral cats.

"Our volunteers get so much negative feedback from people," she said. "It's debilitating, because you know what you're doing is good."

Many people just want the cats taken away, Brennan said, but experience tells her that removing them does not alleviate the problem.

"Most people think that's a viable solution — they believe that taking them out and euthanizing or whatever takes care of the problem, but we know that doesn't work because it's like a vacuum. As soon as you take some out, more are going to come and fill that gap," she said. "And people are always going to dump cats."

But Brennan said her efforts are better funded than ever before.

"People used to call, and we didn't have the resources to take care of their colonies," she said. "Now we have the funding and the traps — we just need people to call."

Pupils debut 'Karm-Hell'

"Karm-Hell," an historic comedy thriller set in Carmel-by-the-Sea circa 1915, debuts March 19. The play is written by Curtis August, a recent Carmel High School graduate, and is presented by students of PacRep's School of Dramatic Arts (SoDA), under the direction of John Farmanesh-Bocca.

Curtain is at 7:30 p.m. March 19-21 at the Circle Theatre of the Golden Bough, Casanova between Eighth and Ninth, Carmel.

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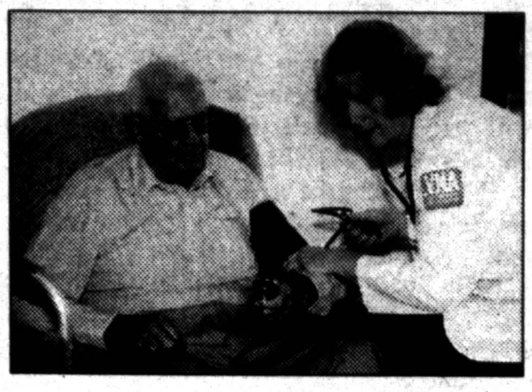

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State Senate bill could threaten Carmel's sales tax revenue

By TAMARA GRIPPI

A NEWLY introduced California State Senate bill, designed to even the score between rich and poor cities, could significantly reduce the amount of sales tax revenue available to cities like Carmel in the future.

Senate Bill 2000, sponsored by Senator Richard Polanco, a Democrat from Los Angeles, is based on a proposal put forward by California State Controller Kathleen Connell's office.

The bill would create a new formula which would end revenue allocation based strictly on the location of a sale and instead gradually shift the state to a per capita distribution of sales tax money.

At first, a 90-10 split

If the bill becomes law, in the first year of the new program cities would still get to keep 90 per cent of the sale taxes generated within their city limits. That figure would be fixed and would lose its importance as inflation eroded the value of each dollar. The rest of the money — an amount that would probably increase each year — would be distributed based on each city or county's population.

Small cities, like Carmel, that generate a lot of sales taxes would lose out, said David Jones, legislative representative for the League of California Cities.

Under the terms of the proposal, Carmel would lose its ability to take advantage of its own increases in sales tax, Jones said.

Carmel City Council candidate Gerard Rose, who alerted The Pine Cone to the proposal, argues that city leaders should start fighting the proposed legislation right away.

"This could have an impact on virtually every service which we currently afford our citizens," Rose said. "Having your own police department — adios. Your own fire department — adios."

SB 2000 is one of several proposals floating around Sacramento that aim to restructure — either for the short term or long term — the allocation of California's sales tax dollars. Most of those proposals are in the early stages of the legislative process, according to Jones.

Curbing trends

The state controller's recommendations — on which SB 2000 is based — aim to reverse trends resulting from the current revenue allocation system.

"In order to attract high-revenue retailers, local entities engage in high-stakes competitions with other cities to attract business and their sales tax dollars," Connell's report states.

The report also argues that in their zest to pursue sales tax revenues, local governments reject industrial zoning — "thereby robbing communities of economic development opportunities."

The League of California Cities doesn't agree that SB 2000 is the best way to rectify the problem.

Existing urban sprawl will stay put, Jones said, "unless a sea of bulldozers is going to come in from Sacramento" to demolish existing shopping centers.

Jones argued that it would be just as effective to control urban sprawl by limiting any new law to future businesses, not current ones. Cities like Carmel should be able to keep their sales tax base in perpetuity, he said.

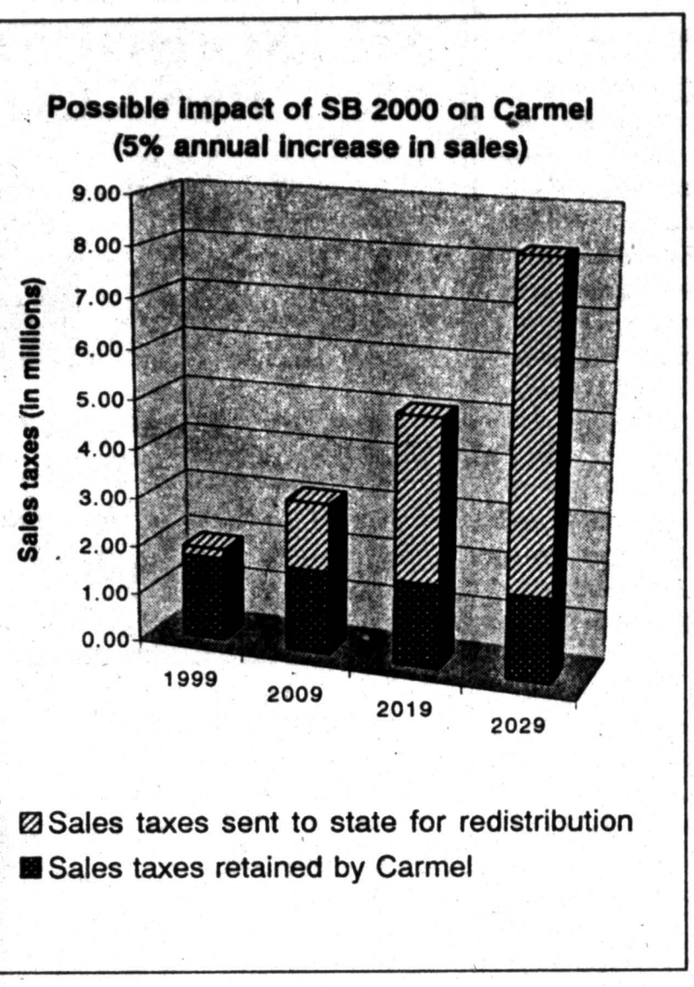
Ironically, the legislation would severely impact Carmel, even though the village has no big-box retailers or urban sprawl.

"The difference in Carmel is we've never provided any incentives," said Carmel City Administrator Jere Kersnar. "We are successful because of other factors."

Carmel's charm, unique shops, pristine beach and quaint cottages have put it on a par with cities that bring in large sums from auto centers and strip malls.

But proposals to radically change a city's fiscal underpinnings are bound to make some officials nervous. Other city officials — who would see their revenues grow — support the new plan.

"Anytime you start talking about fiddling with revenues, inevitably you start talking about winners and losers," said Kersnar.



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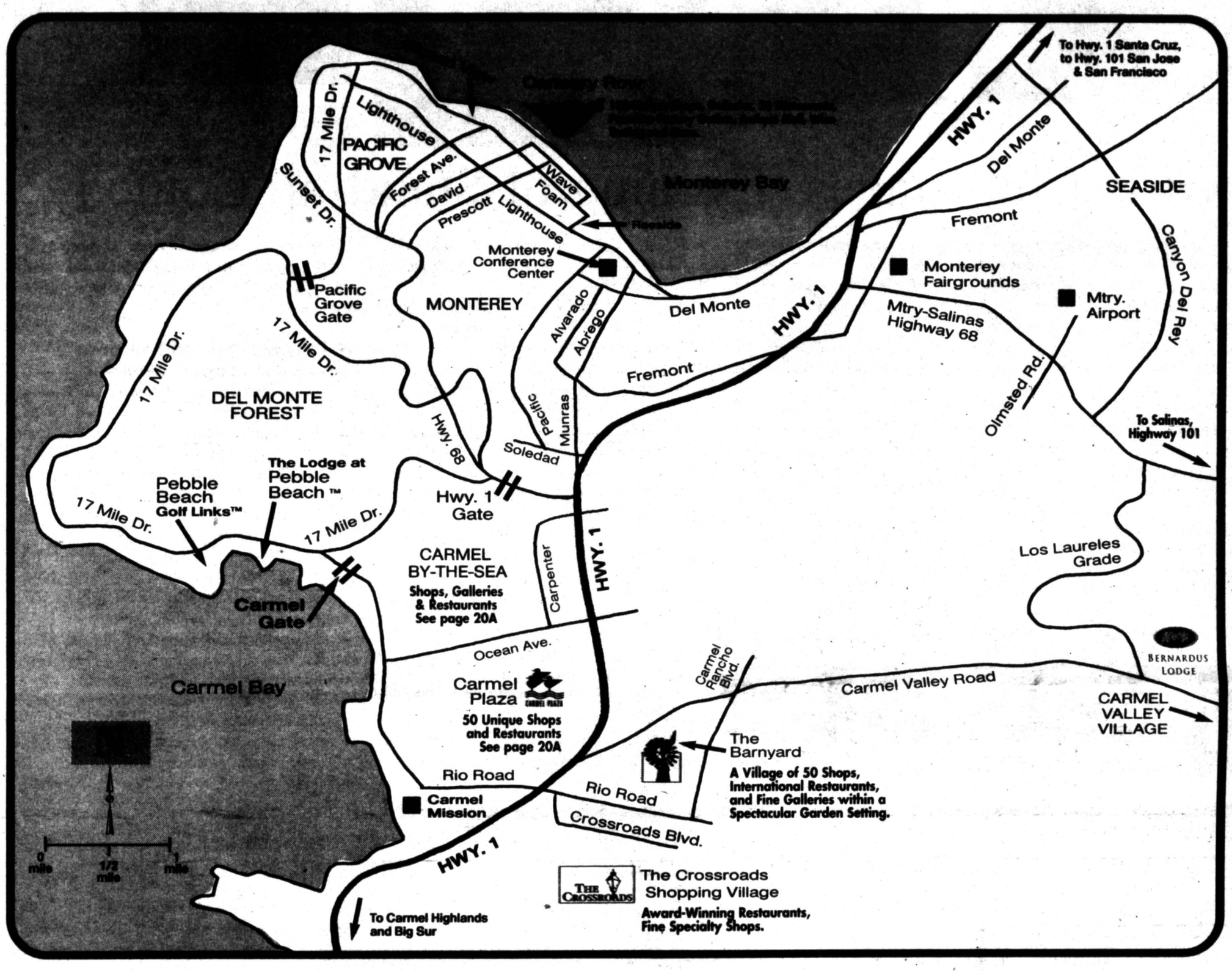

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'Picasso' serves healthy dollop of inspired goofiness

By NATHALIE PLOTKIN

GIVEN AN author with a fertile mind, wild humor and a far-ranging imagination, and then given a production endowed with artistry by the actors and the director, the result is a not to be missed theatrical tour de force. A rare blend of intellect and comic madness, Steve Martin's "Picasso at the Lapin Agile" currently in production by Pacific Repertory Theater at the Circle Theater is a simply breathtaking virtuoso play of ideas and action. They go from the profound to the absurd in just a few words and frequently make just that journey.

The "Lapin Agile" actually existed. It was a lower-class hangout for struggling artists at the turn of the century. The set supports the action, and looks like a bar, but not a French one of the period.

Hypothetical encounter

In this hypothetical encounter of Picasso and Einstein, two distinctly different geniuses, there is no theatrical plot and what happens in the course of the hour and a half duration of the play brings to mind the absurd madness of the Marx Brothers.

Theater Review

As Pablo Picasso, John Farmanesh-Bocca embodies all the facets of the painter's reputation. He is dashing, attractive to and attracted to all women. Bursting with animal vitality and a highly explicit comic awareness, he holds the stage against all comers except one.

He is matched and equaled by Michael Jacobs whose impishly wise and masterfully insightful grasp of the role of Albert Einstein is truly acute. Jacobs does a chalk talk about the letters of the alphabet which was completely irresistible.

◀ Michael Jacobs as Albert Einstein

Picasso and Einstein may never have met, but for an evening, at least, there was reality in the theater.

Jeanne Wooster adds a very French feminine point of view needed to offset the self-centered posturings of the two geniuses. She gives a sense of strength and intuitive humanity to her role, supplying another depth and dimension to the script.

Erica Racz as Suzanne, one of Picasso's many conquests, is delightful in her youthful yet down-to-earth awareness and appreciation of her brush with genius.

In the supporting roles, Rocco Tavani, as an elderly bar habitue, was a perfect diversionary factor with an old geezerish running gag which never missed the mark.

Paul Gaucher, as the bartender, was a believable, slightly addled but wise commentator. Tim Hart playing a wily art dealer and Steven Slack as Schmendiman, a weirdly off-the-wall character who could have been Steve Martin getting into the act, were all highly skilled players who carried off their individual parts with great humor and polish.

There was one last surprise character described only as "The Visitor" who added a large dollop of inspired goofiness to the whole wacky mish-mash. Nathan Sanford was exactly right for the part.

Producer Stephen Moorer is a master blender who does a fine job of coordinating his players and keeping the action going — even when the script showed signs of running out of steam.

WHAT: Pacific Repertory Theatre presents 'Picasso at the Lapin Agile'
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WHEN: 7 p.m. Friday, March 17
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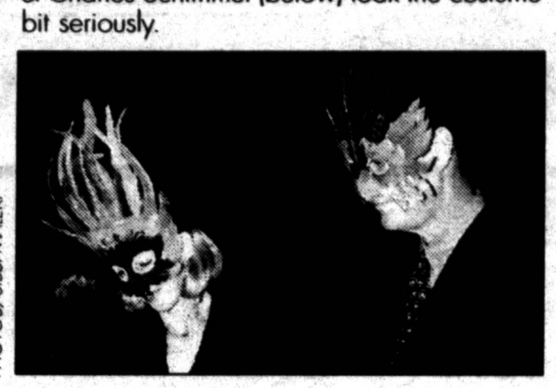
COST: $10 at the door
INFO: 624-1803

Lynn & Bill Pigott decided to attend the Boys & Girls Club party with their good friends Janice & Lou Russo.

There was plenty to enjoy at floor level, too, at the Junior League's auction dinner; these cats belong to Vicki Stewart Spranza. Laura & Charles Schimmel (below) took the costume bit seriously.



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Mary & John Warburton, seen here with LizLené Didone, had a great time at the Junior League's auction dinner.

Boys & Girls Club stages 'Evening of Stand-up Comedy'

IT'S HARD to recall at precisely what early age I stopped asking questions, willy-nilly.

I do know that it occurred when I began to discover that doing so could lead to unforeseen — and mentally detrimental — consequences.

People and Places

By Sissi Maleki

How sweet and innocent those days seem now. I still hear echoes of "Mummy, where's my crying doll?" or "Mrs. Hornbuckle, may I have another pencil for this assignment?"

I ask you now: How often have you asked your wife where your favorite golfing magazine is, just to be irritatingly answered with a minefield of questions in return: "Now how many times do I have to tell you to leave your magazine in the . . . ?"

Or how many of you dare ask your mother for the name of that doctor she met a while back?

Go ahead. Dream about the day you'll actually get an address and phone number in reply. In the meantime, prepare for: "Oh honey, what's wrong . . . where does it hurt . . . shall I call and make the appointment for you?" And when she adds, "Let me come and take care of you," you know it's major downhill from there.

And now I find myself desperately wanting to ask my CPA the following question: "Do your rates rise as April 15th approaches?" In a normal world, I'd think that's a perfectly appropriate query from a thrifty procrastinator.

But what if it never occurred to him to do that, and he ends up thinking it's a brilliant idea? Or even worse, he gets inspired to use it only to seek revenge on me and, of course, my fellow procrastinators?

The risk is too great. That question will remain unasked and unanswered.

Planning a benefit, or some sort of social blow-out? Tell Sissi all about it — via e-mail: **sissi@astrum3.com** or call **(831) 625-6563**

ENTERING the upper lobby of the Monterey Marriott on March 4th literally took my breath away!

It was the annual fundraiser for the **Boys & Girls Club**, "An Evening of Stand-up Comedy," and a professional party planner couldn't have improved on it.

No wonder guests like **Mary Hughes** and **Joan & Armand Kunde** have been coming to this event for years.

Board member **Vonnie Chappelle** swore the whole party was planned and executed from scratch by the volunteers themselves. Her explanation of "we simply have a lot of talented people on our board" didn't come close to describing the organization that pulled off this excellent event.

Originality was the keyword of the evening, such as the "Pearl Bar" which offered — for $25 — a choice of either a glass of champagne or a raffle ticket to win a $2,500 pearl necklace from Carmel's Hesselbein's Jewelers.

I suppose it's to be expected when board members are as adventurous as Vonnie — who regularly goes windsurfing and windsailing down to Baja . . . daring to be different!

■ Carnival brought to area by Junior League crowd

It was time for the **"Carnival in Rio"** at the annual auction party organized by the **Junior League** on March 4th at the Hyatt Regency Monterey.

Laura & Charles Schimmel were as usual doing their good deeds in paying proper attention to auction items. Now that Charles is no longer on the Bach Festival board (after nine years!), he'll have to find something else to satisfy his workaholic spirit. After all, keeping up with his wife's volunteer work takes some doing!

Nancy Ausonio, attending with daughter **Diane**, was seen chatting with **Artie Early**, who was one of the few who actually joined in the spirit of the event by wearing a very glamorous fancy mask.

Pam Ham had a rough time trying to be sociable while suffering from a strained neck muscle. Escorted by her dad **Al Ham**, she did her best trying to keep up with his seemingly never-ending energy.

Candy Bolton desperately attempted to keep an eye on hubby **Michael** who was "determined to buy a lot of things"! On a more serious note, Candy confided that she's been really grateful to the Junior League for all the organizational skills she's learned over the years. "Now I just don't have patience with people who run meetings like a tea party!" she explained.

One thing's for sure — don't even think for a second that these active Junior Leaguers have time for a tea party!

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Staff Players stage intrigue-tinged Barrie drama

By NATHALIE PLOTKIN

THE TURN of the 20th century appears to have given a monumental dose of nostalgia to our local play producers. The latest entry in this backward-looking theatrical parade is the tongue-in-cheek, gently satirical "What Every Woman Knows," written in 1908.

This latest offering by the Staff Players Repertory Company is by Sir James Barrie, the British novelist and playwright whose efforts have continued to surface and to be presented for most of the past century. Whimsical, sentimental plays such as this one, and most memorably "Peter Pan," have kept his name alive. This play is almost as much of a fairy tale, and there has to be some suspension of disbelief to accept the basic situation, but that is part of the enjoyment of a period piece.

Theater Review

The author sets up the odd premise that in exchange for paying for the education of an ambitious young man, the heroine's brothers extract a written pledge from him to marry their spinster sister. How this works out through a variety of ups and downs for the heroine is what makes the show intriguing as to what might happen next.

Maggie Wiley, the beloved sister, is a bright and intelligent woman who realizes that, although she has no charm or sense of self-worth, she has much else in her favor. Victoria Blaszcak quietly underscores the wealth of warmth and sympathy of the character. She does indeed have charm and much sensitive wisdom, but she doesn't know it. This innocence makes her most endearing, but also frustrating to the onlooker.

John Shand (Brian Feeney) becomes her selfish, humorless and self-centered husband who doesn't realize that his success as a rising politician is due to Maggie's subtle refinements and direction of his crude energies. Feeney gives a solid portrayal and it is fun to see how he is undone by a beautiful, scheming charmer.

As Lady Sybil Tenterdon, the charmer who doesn't realize that the rising young politician is really a paper figure without the help of his wife, Anne Penrose is a joy to behold. Beautifully costumed and embodying the heartless confidence of the young, she is totally believable.

Janice O'Brien, the Comtesse de la Briere, is the picture of experienced, worldly wisdom and becomes the figurative fairy godmother who eventually sets things in order and engineers the happy ending.

Philip Pearce, Peter Eberhardt and Mitchell Davis, as Maggie's father and brothers whose main concern is to see her married and happy, are loving, caring characters.

Nick Hovick in the pivotal role of the elderly statesman and former lover of the Countess creates an imposing impression.

Presented in the traditional leisurely paced style of the English theater, the plot is carried out with an emphasis on clever words and witty ideas rather than physical activity. Even so, it truly tests the limitations of the small stage space.

WHAT: Staff Players stage 'What Every Woman Knows'
WHEN: 8 p.m. Thursday through Saturday and 2:30 p.m. Sunday until April 2
WHERE: Indoor Forest Theater, Mountain View & Santa Rita
INFO/RESERVATIONS: 624-1531

John Shand (Brian Feeney) is the rising politician and Lady Sybil (Anne Penrose) the charmer in the latest Staff Players' production.

Ken Wiese art displayed by Carmel Heritage

CARMEL ARTIST Ken Wiese will have sculptures and photographs displayed 1 to 4 p.m., Wednesday through Sunday, beginning March 26 at First Murphy House, Lincoln and Sixth, Carmel. The show will run through April 30.

The Carmel Heritage Society, presenters of the show, will honor the artist at a reception from 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday, March 26 at First Murphy. A silent auction at the reception will be held for a Wiese sculpture and photograph.

Answer to This Week's Puzzle

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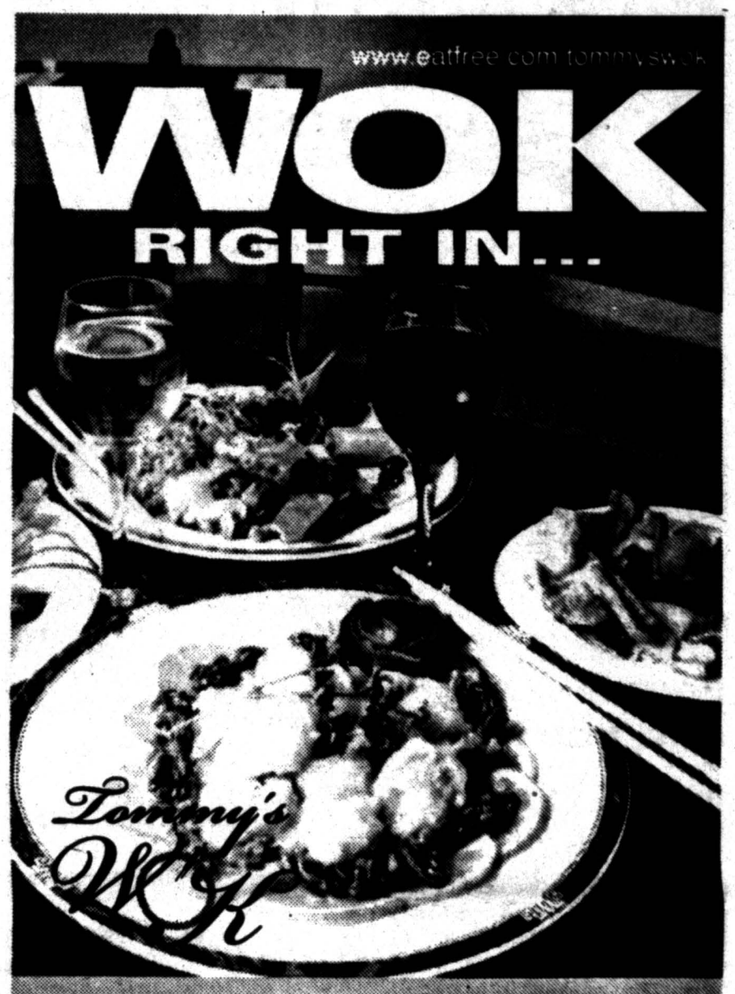

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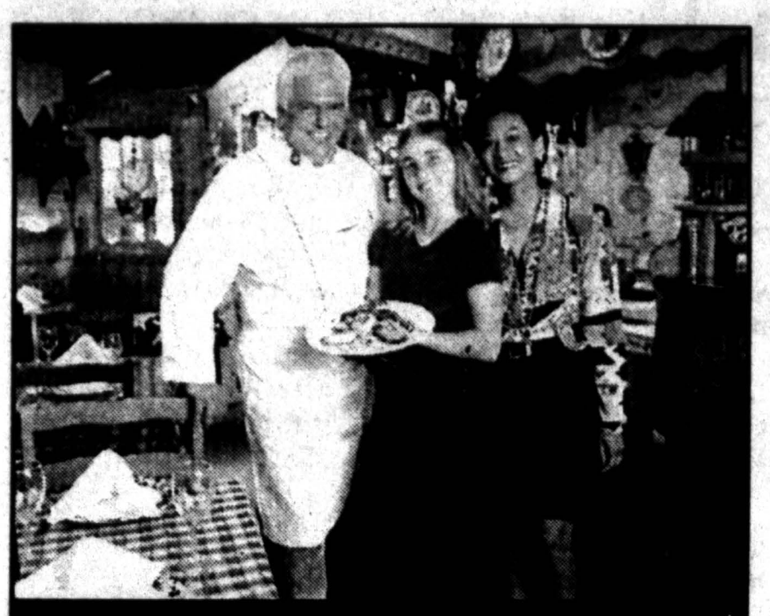

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Published by the University of Massachusetts Press, Horowitz's book is a biography that deals with the roots of Friedan's feminism, which, the author contends "run much deeper than she has led us to believe."

By Margot Petit Nichols

The author offers a fresh reading of the book that set off the feminist movement, resituating Friedan within a broader cultural context. In doing so, he overturns conventional ideas about the second wave of feminism.

For information, call 624-1803.

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IF YOU missed **Sam Varner** at his recent talk at The Thunderbird, you can catch him at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 21 at Borders, 2080 California Blvd., Sand City. Varner is the former trainer for the U.S. Olympic Team and the author of **"Slimmer, Younger, Stronger,"** a book we recently reviewed enthusiastically in The Bookshelf. Varner, who lives in Carmel Valley, has spent the last eight years helping athletes and celebrities achieve optimal levels of physical fitness through sound, fundamental health principals. At this motivational talk, Varner presents 12 easy steps to a slimmer, younger, stronger you — no matter what your age. Free. Call 899-6692 for information.

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Diana Garcia, a CSUMB teacher, is one of 12 women poets to read at a "Women and Food" event on March 24.

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THE MEMOIR book group meets at 7 p.m. March 21 at Bookworks, 667 Lighthouse Ave., Pacific Grove. Info: 372-2242.

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"BOOKS & DINNER" resumes at The Thunderbird Bookshop at 6 p.m., Thursday, March 23, with local mystery writer **Bob Norris** discussing his book, **"Check Six."** Dinner and the talk cost $17.50. For reservations, call 624-1803.

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A DOZEN women poets will gather to read from their works — with food as the central theme. The event, **"Women and Food,"** which will benefit the Monterey County Food Bank, will take place at 7:30 p.m., Friday, March 24 at the Monterey Peninsula College Lecture Forum 102. The poems will explore the theme of women's relationships and experiences with food, both real and metaphorical. Poets include **Laura Bayless, Kim Ly Bui-Burton, Diana Garcia, Bonnie Gartshore, Gabriella Gutierrez y Muhs, Susan Hoffman, Jennifer Lagier, Billie Barbara Masten, Ekua Omosupe, Bernice Rendrick, Patti Sirens** and **Dona Luongo Stein**. The reading is sponsored by Monterey Peninsula College Women's Programs. Local bakeries are donating refreshments. Donations of any amount benefiting the food bank will be accepted for admission. For information, call 899-4735.

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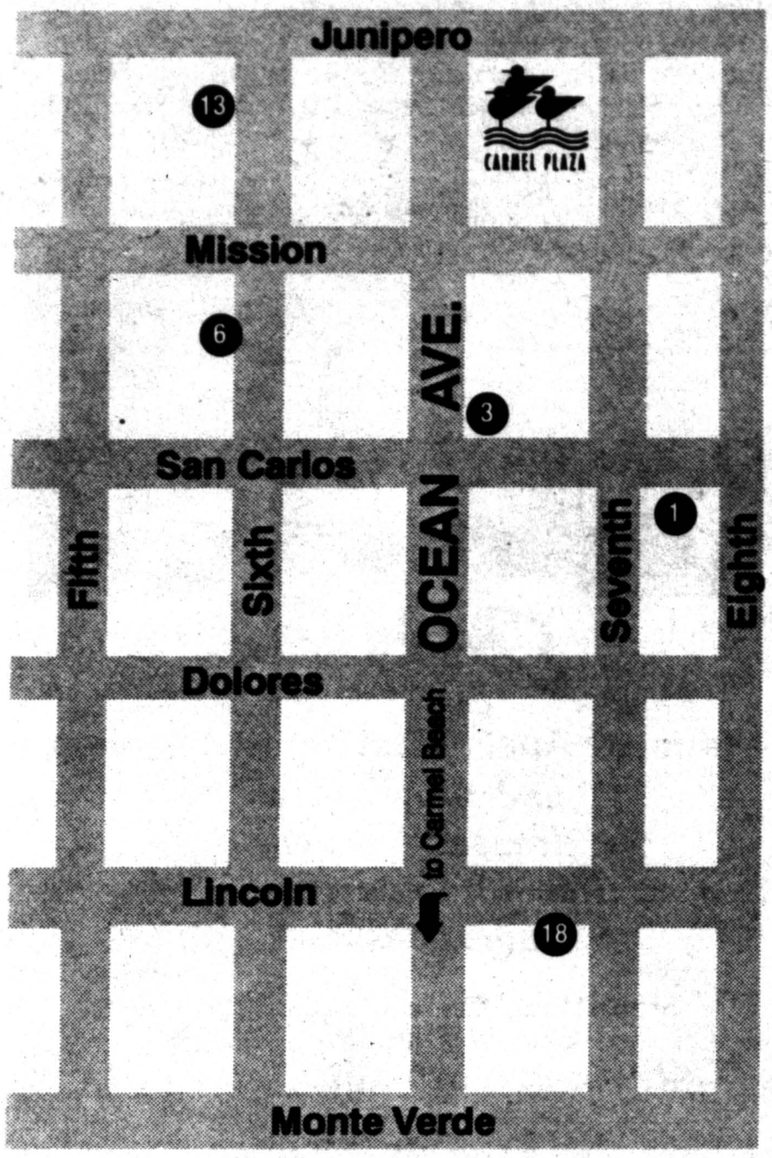

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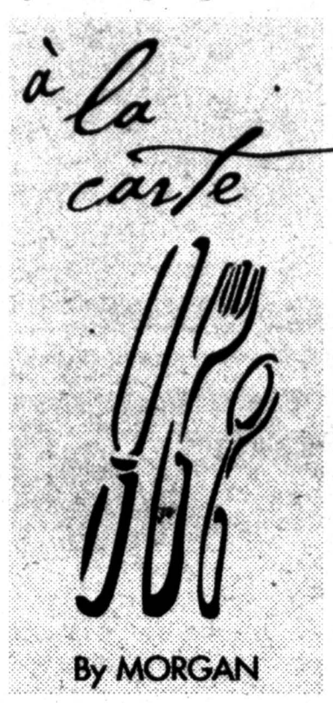
AS RECOUNTED in past columns, Morgan always allows at least a three-month period before reviewing a new restaurant, thus permitting time for the chef and restaurateur to smooth out any possible rough spots in their operation.

Readers have been so pleased with their dining experiences at Loutas on Mission that they've called in during the past month or so, asking when we intended to review the restaurant in à la carte.

Three months have gone by since Loutas on Mission first opened in late December (taking over the space left vacant by L'Escargot) and we've eaten there several times since — always more than pleased with the evening's experience.



We dined there Sunday evening, hoping for a leisurely pace to appreciate chef/owner Kerry Loutas' fine cuisine. And what a cuisine it is! This restaurant is one of the finest in the area.

We browsed through the short but tempting menu and made our selections from four appetizers, three salads, one soup, seven entrées and five desserts — and then happened on a notice of a fixed price three-course dinner available Sundays through Thursdays only — for $24! By good fortune, the appetizer, entrée and dessert we had selected were also offered on the *prix fixe* list, so we happily switched from ordering à la carte and saved $5.50.

Having ordered a 1998 Cartilidge and Brown Napa Valley Chardonnay we felt would hold up to our entrée selection of salmon with sorrel sauce, we sat back and enjoyed the baroque background music as we waited for our caramelized onion and goat cheese tart appetizer to arrive (garnished with field greens and calamata olives).

We were very pleasantly surprised with a plate of three tiny appetizers (on the house) — three *petite bouchée* (small mouthfuls): Two tartlettes filled with dilled salmon mousse sprinkled with caviar, and a thin lemon slice (to please the eye, not to eat) holding pickled cucumber and onion "confetti." What a treat!

The sliver of onion and goat cheese tart was savory and excellent. This is what an appetizer should be and should do: a little something savory, not sweet, not filling, to tempt the appetite in anticipation of the entrée.

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The chardonnay ($16/fifth, $4/glass) was excellent with both the tartlettes and the tart. The wine list at Loutas is chosen with great care from some of California's finest vintners, and from excellent French vineyards, as well. Almost all are priced astonishingly low. Kerry Loutas makes a point of keeping his wine prices affordable. He says wine lists that show a three-times retail price are unfriendly. "That sort of things puts patrons in a defensive posture," he says.

Chef Kerry, who also served his patrons on Sunday evening, allows just enough time between courses. He explained (in our Monday morning telephone interview) that his sous chef, Hans Starkweather — formerly chef of Summer House in Camel Valley — enables him to be at the front of the house a great deal of the time where he can get to know his patrons.

The braised fresh salmon filet was perfection. We sometimes figuratively hold our breath at a restaurant waiting for a salmon dish to be served, fearing it might be pungently oily. We had nothing to fear at Loutas: The fresh salmon — pen raised in the ocean in Canadian waters — had been seared on each side after being rubbed with olive oil. Then, tightly covered in an oven casserole with a little court bouillon, it was braised in a moderate oven.

The sorrel sauce, which accompanied the salmon, was created by softening shallots in butter, then adding white wine, cream and organic sorrel. The ingredients were put through a food processor until they amalgamated into a pale green creamy sauce that was excellent with the salmon.

Julienned carrots and baby Blue Lake green beans, sautéed in butter were served with the fish, as was a melange of wild and white rice was simmered in duck stock and enhanced with the crunch and piquancy of currants and pine nuts

Desserts from Bechler's in Pacific Grove and Parker-Lusseau are offered, along with a wine-poached bosc pear with French vanilla ice cream and Starweather's port-merlot caramel sauce and a plate of blue, goat, brie and aged gouda cheeses with fresh fruit.

Those among our readers who remember restaurateur Yvan Nopert will be interested to know that he has come out of retirement to act as consultant to Loutas who says Nopert is responsible for bringing back many of his former customers to the new restaurant. Nopert is not only Loutas' landlord, but his mentor, as well. "Without Yvan, I wouldn't be as far along as I am now," Loutas told Morgan.

Whatever the reason, Loutas on Mission is a must for those who enjoy very fine cuisine and wine at reasonable prices, served thoughtfully in an appealing ambiance. Try it soon. Look for the large wooden snail near the sidewalk on Mission just below Fourth. The restaurant, housed in a Carmel cottage, is set back at the end of a short driveway.

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Does anybody care about metal barricades on scenic Hwy. 1?

By MARY BROWNFIELD

FEW PENINSULA residents have taken an interest in Caltrans' plans to place metal barriers in the grassy median of Highway 1 between Carpenter Street in Carmel and Camino Aguajito in Monterey. Just 14 people showed up during the agency's four-hour open house March 15 in Seaside.

Caltrans officials said installation of the metal barriers in the greenspace in Carmel, Monterey and Seaside is necessary to prevent cross-median car accidents. Although fatalities in the area have been infrequent — one fatal crossover occurred in Monterey and two in Seaside over a seven-year period — project manager Stephen Tracey said increasing traffic volume makes the project necessary.

Using a formula that takes traffic volume and the width of the highway into account, Tracey said beams became required after the stretch hit 40,000 trips per day. Caltrans now shows 60,000 trips per day along Highway 1 between Carmel and Seaside, he said.

Caltrans held the open house at Seaside's Oldemeyer Center as part of the project's environmental review process. The agency is soliciting comments from the public through March 31. The initial study did not uncover any potential negative environmental effects — only the visual impact of the project is a factor, according to Tracey.

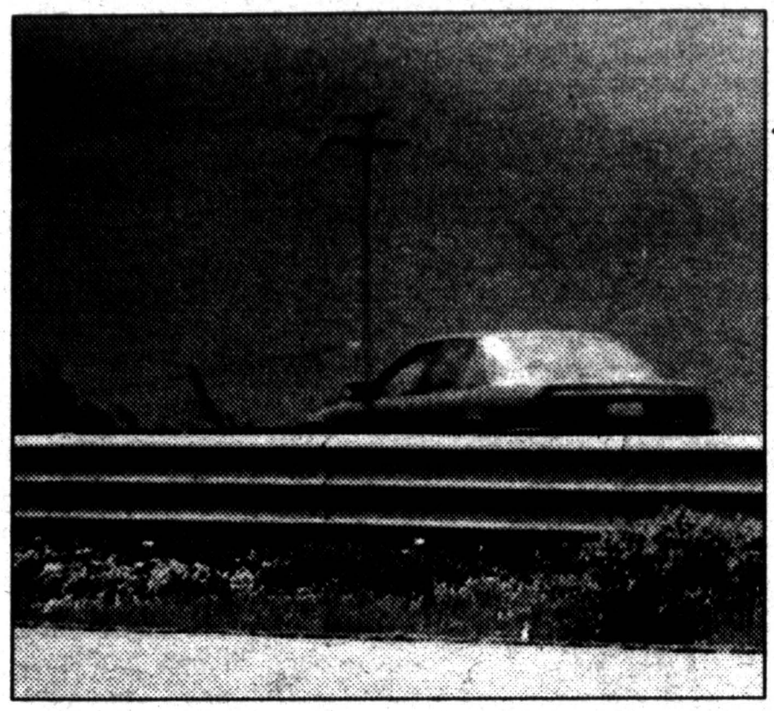
Seaside resident James Toy, who said he lives so close to Oldemeyer center that he had no excuse not to come see the project, acknowledged the barriers are necessary but voiced concerns about landscaping.

"I can understand the need, but through Monterey I thought it should have some landscaping," he said. "I always thought there should be something in there to make it more attractive."

Caltrans originally proposed using cement dividers, an idea shot down by the Monterey City Council, according to Tracey. As an alternative, Caltrans proposed the steel barriers, which can be either single-sided or double-sided depending on its location.

The project's landscape architect, Pat Bolger, said Caltrans will do its best to please residents when it comes to landscaping in the median, but safety factors restrict the possibilities.

Four trees too close to the roadway will be removed for safety reasons, but new trees will take their place in pockets of new landscaping on the sides of the highway. Portions of the median will be landscaped with native plants, according to Bolger, but only if there is room.



Caltrans plans to install metal barriers like the one pictured here down the grassy median of Highway 1 from Carpenter St. to Aguajito Road, and from Casa Verde Way to north of Ord Village. The combined cost is $8.3 million.

"If we have space behind the beam — there needs to be at least five feet behind it to allow for compression — we will plant with a native palette," he said.

Caltrans will accept comments through March 31, and expects to get construction of the $3.6 million Carmel-Monterey project underway in late 2002. Members of the public are encouraged to view the project on Caltrans' website:

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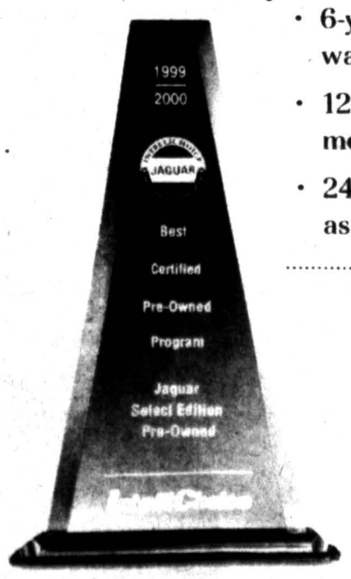

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While the current system isn't perfect, D'Ambrosio said, "We have to do something. We can't just let it be a free-for-all."

"The only way I see to provide a better approach to control visitor and employee parking would be the 'pay and display' method," he said. "People who use the parking stall would make their own decision on what they want to do."

The paid parking proposal — which would consist of installing one or two kiosks per block where drivers could purchase parking vouchers — is currently being studied by a city committee.

Big Sur open despite new landslide

By KIRSTIE WILDE

ANOTHER LANDSLIDE March 15 has pushed back the opening of Highway 1 by at least two more days, but Big Sur businesses want tourists to know that hotels, restaurants, galleries and the road are wide open to Carmel.

The latest slide at Big Creek, about 18 miles south of Big Sur, forced Caltrans to revise its target date to open that stretch of road from Saturday morning to "unknown at this time," according to Caltrans' spokesman Brian Murnahan.

Workers have burrowed through the 40,000-cubic-yard landslide that came down on the highway at Big Creek on March 11, and they've managed to store all of the debris temporarily on highway turnouts near the slide.

An earlier landslide, seven miles farther south at Pitkin's Curve, has proved to be a much more difficult mountain to move, however. Murnahan said they are "hoping to get that one open by Memorial Day." Caltrans is negotiating with Monterey Bay Marine Sanctuary officials to allow dumping of dirt and boulders over the side of the highway and into the ocean, rather than hauling it 10 miles to Willow Creek by truck. "Sidecasting," as the dumping is euphemistically called, is opposed by the sanctuary but favored by residents whose businesses and livelihoods take a beating when the highway is closed to through traffic.

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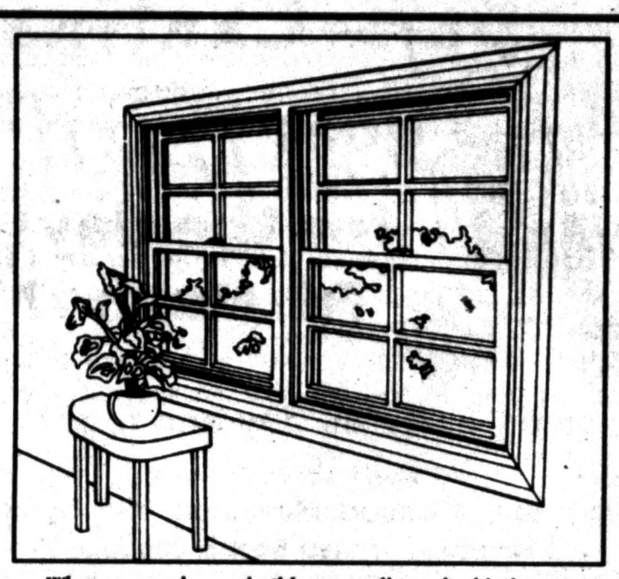

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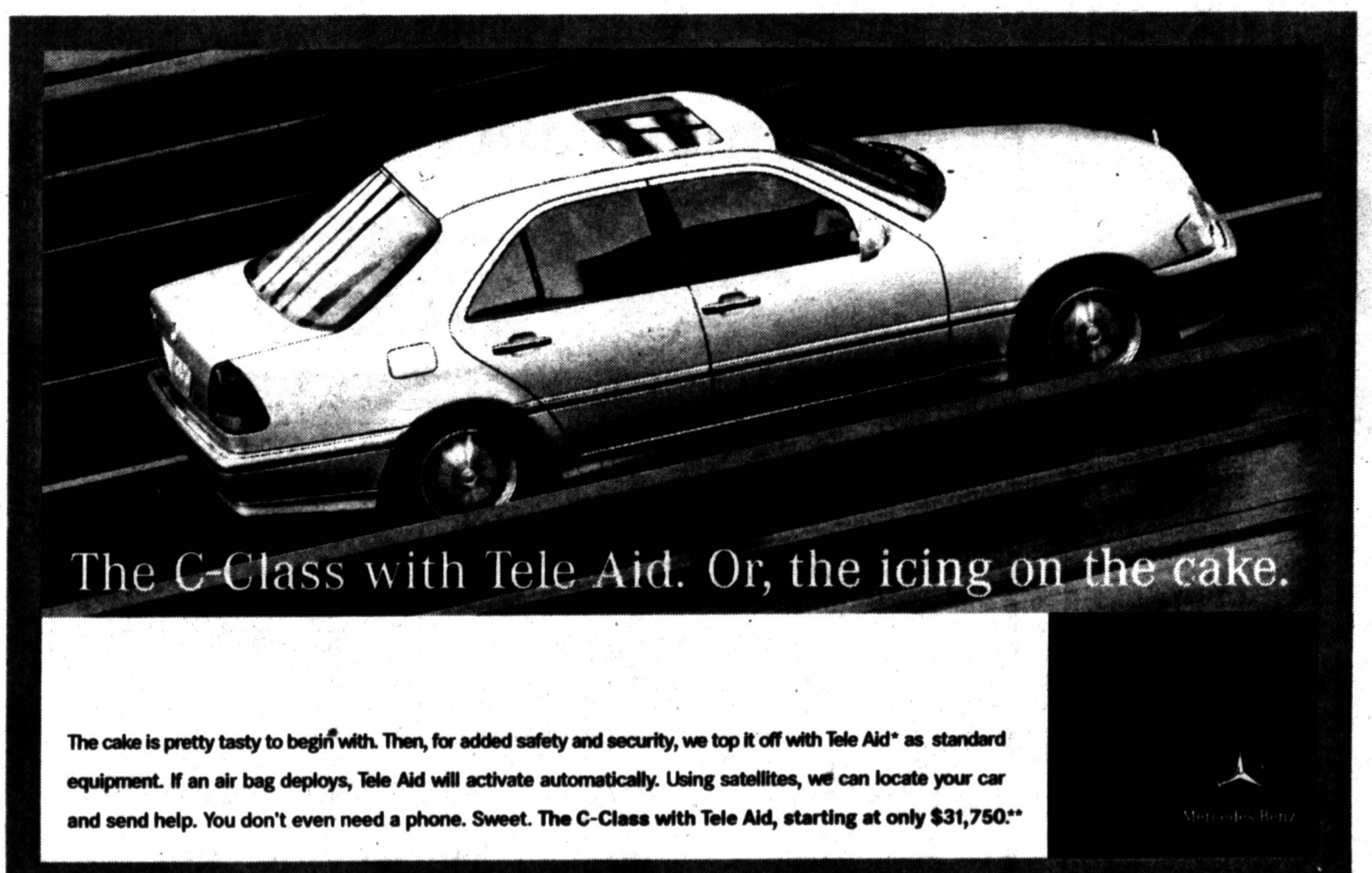

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The realtor countered the public's assertions that the land should be made into a park by asking them why they didn't purchase it for a park when they had the chance.

"If anyone wanted to buy it, they should have a long time ago," he said. "Now it's about $1 million."

Other residents opposed to the project said the commercial use should be something similar to what is already there, such as an office or retail building.

Since appearing before the planning commission, Mirabito revised his plans, making the storage facility smaller and adding a 2.5-acre park and walking path along Center Street.

But the size of the project was not the only issue. Residents were concerned about the safety of large, slow-moving trucks coming out of the storage yard into the high-speed traffic on Carmel Valley Road. Any vehicles — particularly large trucks and trailers — would impact the already congested intersection, they said.

"Our Carmel Valley Road cannot handle this kind of increase of traffic," said Reverend Jim Brock, former rector of St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church. "This project will have an adverse effect."

Residents decried the potential of toxic runoff (such as diesel fuel) into the nearby Carmel River, a concern Lombardo brushed aside by reminding them that Monterey County already requires construction techniques to avoid runoff.

He also told residents worried about bright lights at night that the self-storage yard would operate only between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Just a case of greed?

One Carmel Valley resident speaking in favor of the project called her fellow residents "greedy," and asked the board to consider property rights over public opinion.

"This is a legal issue because since when does public opinion override the law?" she asked.

The board decided to send the project back to the planning commission based Mirabito's offer to reduce its size and add a park. The motion also included a requirement that he show proof of water rights on the site.

Staff will prepare a new environmental impact study for the project, since it includes significant changes.

Potter vehemently disputed the board's motion, arguing the application should be denied so that Mirabito would have to start from scratch and come back with a project compatible with the area. He did not say what he thought that might be.

"In my mind, if we send it back with prejudice, they have to take a new, more serious look at alternatives which the public seems to think would be better," he said. "We need to see if the project fits in the area with existing resources."

But Chairman Lou Calcagno said it would be unfair to make Mirabito start the process all over again and pay another application fee.

Supervisor Simon Salinas, saying he wished the people who built self-storage facilities in Salinas had offered to include parks in their plans, moved the project go back to the planning commission.

The board backed the motion, voting 4 to 1.

March 30 deadline set for art festival

By MARGOT PETIT NICHOLS

THE SEVENTH annual Carmel Art Festival, scheduled for May 18 to 21, is inviting entries from plein air painters. Sign-up deadline is March 30.

Painters from across the United States may enter the juried competition by submitting two slides of a plein air painting in order to compete for the $20,000 in cash prizes awarded during the festival.

Judges with expertise in the plein air genre of painting will jury and award up to 23 cash prizes to winning paintings done plein air (outdoors) in the Carmel area May 15 to 19. The prizes will be awarded at a ceremony at Hanson Gallery in Carmel on Sunday, May 21. First prize is $5,000, second prize is $2,000 and third prize is $1,000. There are five categories of $750 prizes and more than 15 honorable mention awards of $500 each.

All paintings completed here by entrants during the specified days will be included in a silent auction the last two days of the festival. Artists will receive 60 percent of the auction proceeds, with the balance going to Carmel charities.

During the festival, lectures and demonstrations will be presented in Carmel galleries, sculptures will be displayed in Devendorf Park, and a youth art show will be held.

The youth art exhibit showcases creations of young artists in local schools. Recognition and cash prizes are awarded at a reception for the artists, their families and friends from 6 to 8 p.m. May 18 at the Carmel Youth Center, venue for a public display of the students' works.

Artists wishing to enter the festival competition should send the required two slides accompanied by a self-addressed, stamped envelope, professional or gallery affiliation, phone number and a $25 entrant's fee to Carmel Art Festival, P.O. Box 7191, Carmel, 93921.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Candidates' 'superb credentials'

Dear Editor,

Unless we put a stop to it, Carmel is set to become an equal opportunity Grinch Who Stole Christmas. For the visitor we'll add 1 percent or 2 percent to the room tax — he won't notice it — and impose what amounts to parking meters in the business district — after all, he's used to them elsewhere. If he doesn't like it, he can always go to the Crossroads or the Barnyard and we'll still have the people who stream down Ocean Avenue from the buses.

For businesses, paid parking may be an inconvenience, but probably only a handful will actually have to move to locations where parking is free, unless, of course, they find that's where their customers have gone. For those that remain, we'll have to redouble our enforcement efforts to stamp out informative signs or another soup debacle.

For residential property owners — a lot of them live away from here and may not even know what's happening — we'll make it difficult or impossible to demolish or upgrade a tumbledown shack that's over 50 years old, we'll reduce house size and lot coverage so that a three-bedroom, two-bath house is almost impossible and we'll prevent the division of an oversize lot into individual lots without a prohibitive sacrifice of house coverage. If we can't find a way to ease paid parking for residents, they can always shop or have lunch outside of town.

These are all actions seriously contemplated by our planning commission and city council. Unless we want to see the character of Carmel irreversibly altered, our only hope is to elect Sue McCloud mayor and Dick Ely and Gerard Rose to the council. Their credentials are superb and they have expressed a desire to halt the infringement of city government on our long-established traditions and property rights.

Robert H. Evans, *Carmel*

'Peace, happiness and harmony'

Dear Editor,

I have been in business in Carmel since 1972. I have been an observer and an active participant of Carmel politics these last 28 years. Perhaps the most prominent aspect of Carmel politics during this time has been the divisiveness, caused by the differing points of view of the citizens.

With the goodwill of the community this situation has been substantially reversed these past few years. Mayor Ken White has accomplished this by getting people to work together for the common good, not merely for each person's self interest. I personally believe he was able to accomplish this because of his training as a coach. His lifelong job was, and is, to get people to join together as a team and work toward a shared goal.

I truly believe that if the people want peace, happiness, harmony and prosperity in Carmel, they will reelect Mayor Ken White.

Paul Laub
via email

Voters can pick 'array of talent'

Dear Editor,

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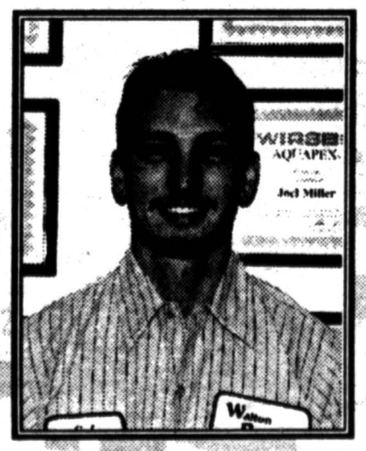

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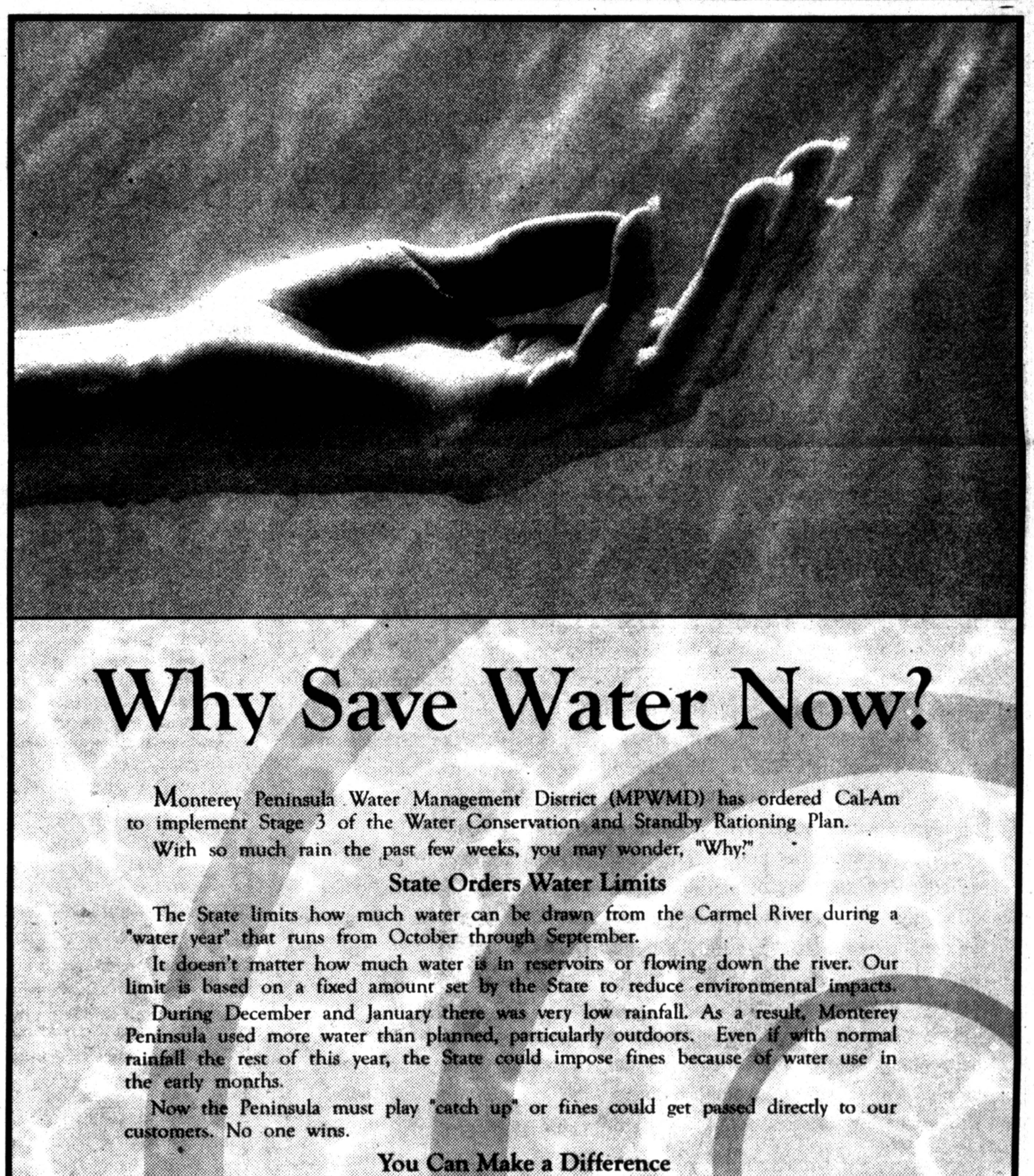

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During December and January there was very low rainfall. As a result, Monterey Peninsula used more water than planned, particularly outdoors. Even if with normal rainfall the rest of this year, the State could impose fines because of water use in the early months.

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OPINION

Editorial

When the coastal commission comes to town

ONE OF California's most compelling road shows — the Coastal Commission — was in town this week.

Four days each month this group of 12 appointed commissioners convenes in a different California city to pass judgment on dozens of applications for development along California's fabulous coast. Sometimes the commission shines as a paragon of fair play, judicious compromise and environmental sensitivity.

At other times its proceedings are shameful examples of favoritism, greed, anger and bureaucratic posturing.

One commissioner — a Willie Brown appointee — went to jail in 1993 for taking bribes to OK coastal building permits.

Conversely, the commission was scolded in 1987 by the U.S. Supreme Court for routinely trampling on the rights of landowners.

One thing that's for sure: There is nothing simple about getting a coastal permit. The commission won't even consider a property owner's plans until its staff has done a thorough job of analyzing the proposal's impact on various coastal resources — geology, tide pools, runoff, scenery, public access to the coast, etc., etc.

The legislature has declared that a coastal permit is equivalent to the famously expensive document known as an environmental impact report. And permit seekers usually can't even ask for a coastal permit until they've already done an EIR to satisfy the permit requirements of the local city council or board of supervisors.

The coastal staff will look at the EIR done for the local government. But they're not bound by it and can even ignore it if they want to. It costs big bucks to wade through the permit process.

If you're successful, however, some or all the money spent on permits comes right back in the form of higher property values along the coast. The harder it is to build, the more existing development is worth.

Meanwhile, a group of activists can be counted on to lobby about and/or criticize everything the commission does.

"He'll vote yes because he always votes in favor of the rich guy," an activist predicted confidently to a reporter just before a vote by a commissioner not long ago. The commissioner then voted No.

Big crowds often assemble to make their views known to the commission on an issue of local importance. While the rest of the Monterey Peninsula went about its business, the coastal commission meeting in Carmel this week was jam-packed with advocates for a new high school in Watsonville.

One of the strangest things about the commission's proceedings is its willingness to let cities and counties around the state — Carmel and Pacific Grove, for example — ignore the legislature's deadline for bringing their ordinances and general plans into conformity with the Coastal Act. These plans had to be finished, you see, by 1981. But without a penalty for noncompliance, quite a few local governments have simply failed to comply.

This week Carmel's officials appeared before the commission to explain their commitment to finish the town's local coastal plan soon. Completion of the plan will be a great accomplishment for this small but important town.

But don't be surprised if that day doesn't come for another decade or two.

BATES ON BOARD

Bill Bates is on a three-month trip around the world on the QE2, where he is the official shipboard cartoonist. This week he is journeying from Mumbai, India to Port Louis, Mauritius.

"Relax, Harold, it's a MAN!"

Letters to the Editor

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Livingston's answer to tough question

Dear Editor,

I attended a candidate's forum conducted by The Carmel Pine Cone. Toward the end of the evening questions were launched that were designed to torpedo and embarrass several of the candidates.

Barbara Livingston responded to one such question with poise and dignity. The question brought up an old, dead controversy from two years ago. A friend and volunteer for the city exited a commission position when faced with misdemeanor charges that had nothing to do with her job or job performance. Barbara expressed that her friend displayed poor judgment but Barbara did not turn her back on this individual when so many others did. Barbara stood by this friend and city volunteer in crises. My god, who wouldn't give anything to have such a faithful, loyal friend we could count on during difficult times?

It has become clear to me that character of the individual has become more important than ever. Barbara clearly demonstrated loyalty, honesty, and moral conviction. The dial of her moral compass doesn't spin wildly, but remains always on course. She is not a politician who says one thing and does another. We always know where she stands. Barbara is the leader that Carmel needs through good times and bad. She demonstrated to me that she makes tough decisions with grace under fire. She has earned my respect and my vote. And if you cherish such character and qualities in a person you will vote for Barbara, too.

Carolyn Hardy, *Carmel*

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excellent candidates forum on March 13. The wide-ranging and thorough discussion of the issues, together with the responses of the various candidates, made very clear the task facing the voters in the April 11 election: Carmel needs a new city council! Happily, we have among the candidates the talent, intellect, background, experience and devotion to maintaining Carmel's traditions that is needed to resolve the serious problems facing the city.

Sue McCloud has proven during her past two years on the council that she is more than up to the task of mayor. Her gentle, no-nonsense and intelligent handling of problems should work wonders in dealing with such issues as future budgets and flat revenues plus the job of addressing the scandalous neglect of basic city infrastructure brought on by way of "deferred maintenance" by the current council incumbents. We are now facing many millions of dollars for such projects as refurbishing the Scout House, replacing the earthquake-prone fire house (an urgent matter) and repairing deteriorated streets (such as Ocean Avenue from San Carlos to San Antonio) — all in addition to the $65 million earmarked for Sunset Center.

To accomplish these tasks she will require the help of Dick Ely and Gerard Rose, two extremely intelligent, experienced and devoted candidates for the open council seats. Their positive views toward resolving the above issues plus the myriad of others — such as the never-ending water shortage and traffic problems — bodes well. They know the community and clearly understand what is important in preserving its character and essentials, since neither is a newcomer to this area.

It has been many years since the voters have enjoyed the luxury of acquiring such an array of talent on the council. Let's take advantage of this opportunity to end the era of floundering negativism so that these serious community problems can be resolved with vigor and good cheer.

Olof Dahlstrand, *Carmel*

'Courage to make proper decision'

Dear Editor,

At the March 7 city council meeting McCloud, Hazdovac and White voted to delay the recommended moratorium on housing demolitions. This was done against the advice of the city attorney, a decision of the planning commission, and the director of planning. If the city continues to issue permits for demolitions we will be exposed to lawsuits which we cannot win. This vote had a distinct political odor, since those who voted to delay perceived a political backlash if they imposed a moratorium during this election period. That is unfortunate and self-serving.

Only two members of the city council voted the principle and disregarded the politics. Thank you Marshall Hydorn and Barbara Livingston. You both possess the courage to make the proper decision to protect Carmel.

You will have my vote on April 11th.

Dave Maradei, *Carmel*

'Confidence in local government'

Dear Editor,

It's time for new leadership in Carmel city government. Councilmember Sue McCloud has the right credentials to be mayor. Her governing skills are tested. She is perceptive, thoughtful, listens, makes decisions and acts.

She advocates a multi-year budget, improved long-range planning and consultation with constituent groups. She understands the process of exploring all options leading toward consensus for selecting workable solutions.

Sue McCloud, a person raised in Carmel who attended local schools, has a sense of protecting the past while dealing with such challenges as traffic, historic preservation, the forest, the mix of commercial and residential, and budget requirements. As mayor, she would strengthen the planning and decision-making process and would enable residents to gain new confidence in their local government.

Jim & Jane Price, *Carmel-by-the-Sea*

'Thank you to hardworking council members'

Dear Editor,

The April 11 city council election is one of the most important that voters of Carmel-by-the-Sea have faced in many years. Why should we abandon incumbents, whose votes represent the residential viewpoint, for those challengers who will say anything to get elected? What's the point of changing council members when those we have are doing such a fine job?

Important issues such as whether to sell park lands, open space and historic resources, whether to continue to fund tourist marketing, whether to install paid parking, and support for the Sunset Center renovation are some of the complex issues for which we need experienced and thoughtful representation. During their terms of office, council members Marshall Hydorn and Barbara Livingston have voted as most of us would have. They have earned our respect, admiration and support. All of us should make it a point to say "thank you" to these hardworking council members.

Knowing how they have voted in the past, I will willingly, gladly, and proudly give Barbara and Marshall my vote on April 11th.

Thank you for listening to a concerned resident.

Paule E. Missud, *Carmel*

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By Myles Williams

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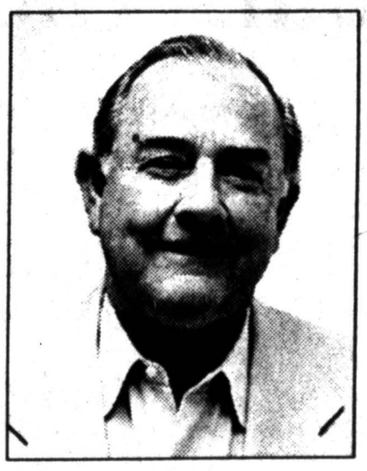

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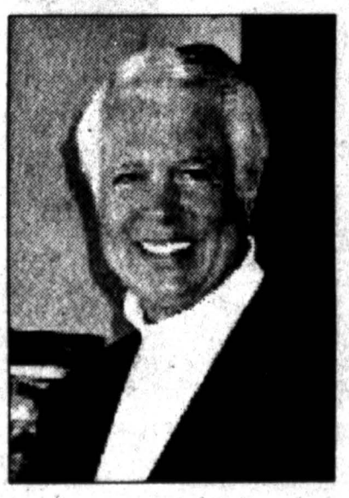

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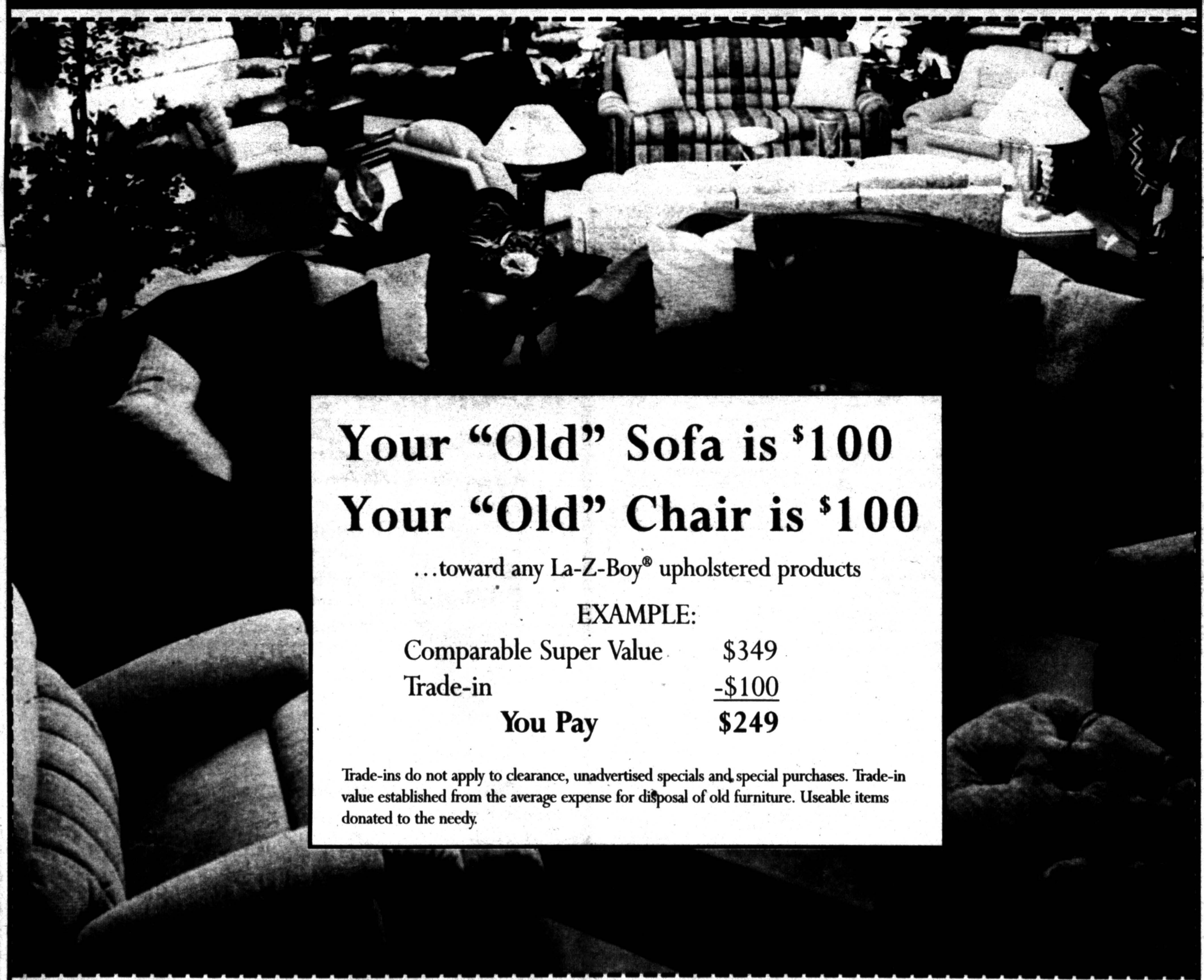

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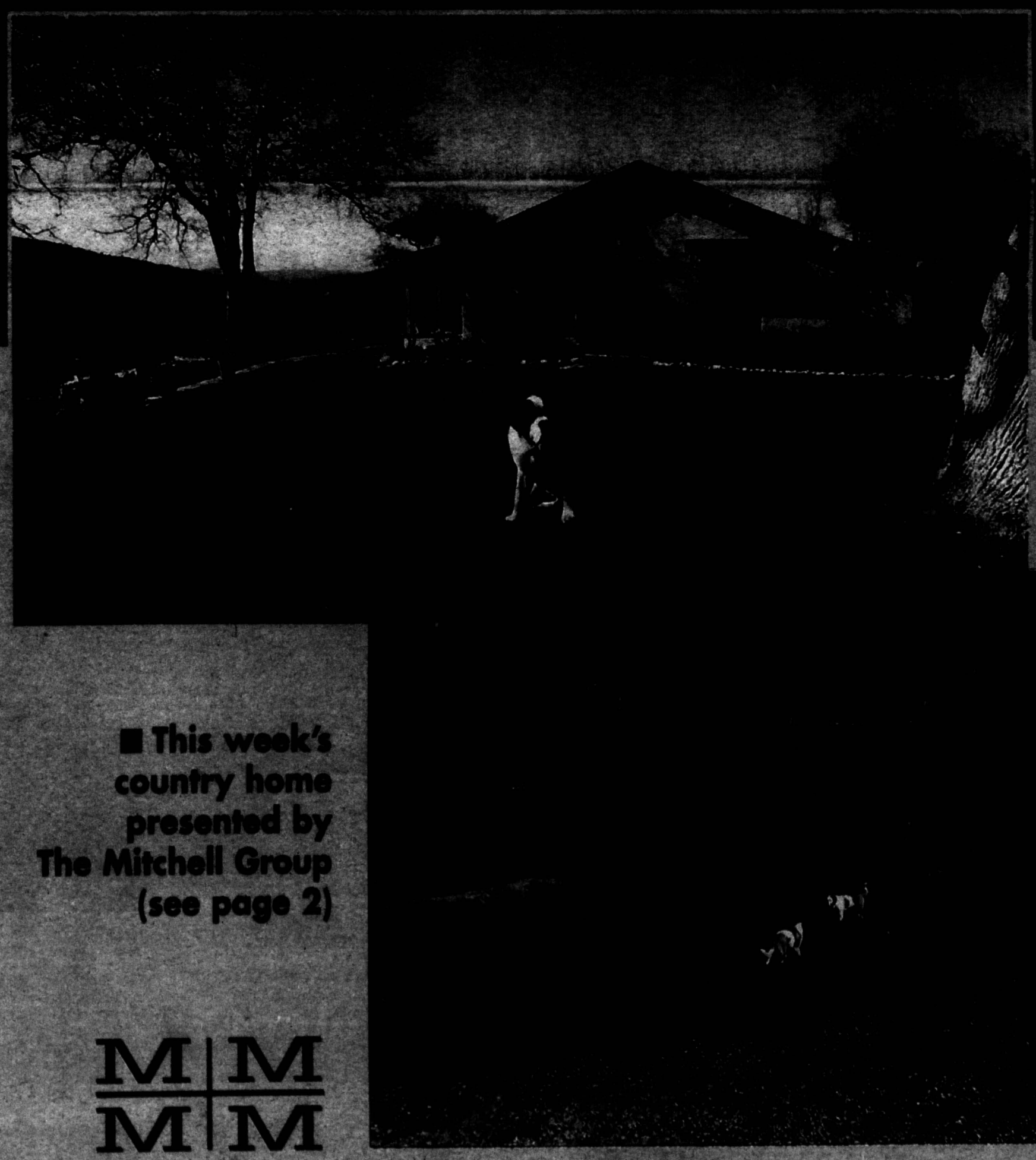

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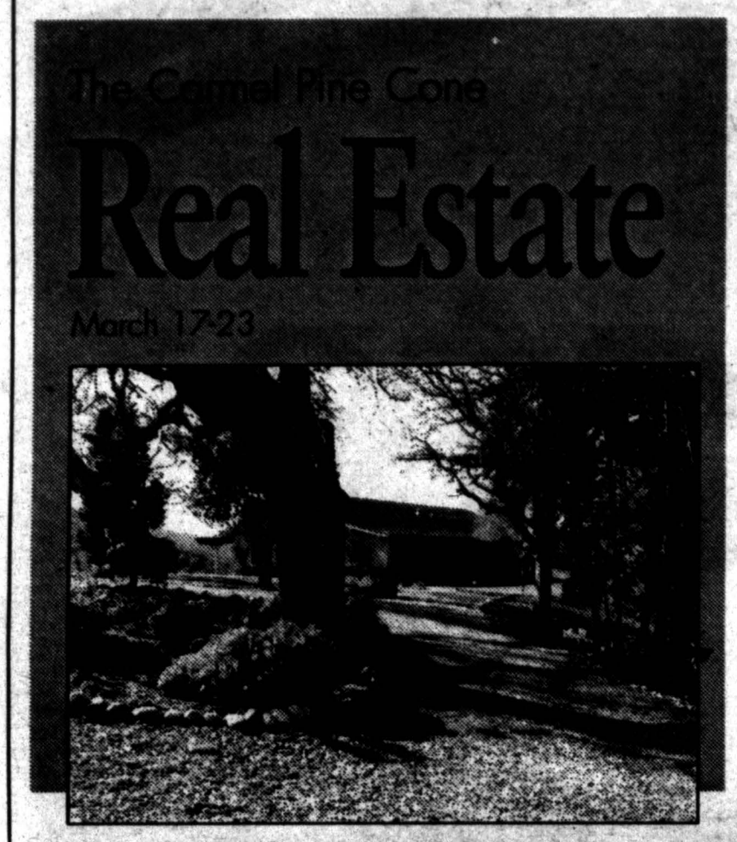

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Becky C Barrett Tr to G A & Susan K Meyers
24522 PESCADERO RD: $420,000
David B Petersen Tr to Michael A Domingos
TORRES-1 NE COR CARMELO $686,000
Besty Hagar to Richard L & Randi J Theobald
24525 SAN LUIS AV: $446,000
Marvin W Watts to Gabrielle Gauci
JUNIPERO AV: $515,000
Arlington Investment Co to Brian J & Lie-Yea Cheng Brown
26355 OCEAN VIEW AV: $1,350,000
HC & Rosanne Kirkpatrick to E & K Weinberg Venegas

CARMEL VALLEY

10715 LOCUST COURT: $800,000
Larry & Susan Benson to Peter & Brenda Hill
10715 LOCUST COURT: $860,000
Peter & Brenda Hill to Monte R & Sondra K Bullard
25990 DOUGHERTY PL: $600,000
William T & Anne M Meisen to Robert & Marcia B Bruce
23 SCARLETT RD: $185,000
HelgaScarlett to David Friedli
26410 VIA MALLORCA: $600,000
Richard D Palma Estate Of to Barbara J Jones
11 VIA LAS ENCINAS: $615,000
Peter V Paxton to William W & Susan K Goldsborough

PEBBLE BEACH

3081 HERMITAGE RD: $759,000
Scott E & Barbara M Komar Tr to Justin S & Lai Chan Tan Chang
1054 MISSION RD: $599,000
Barbara A Stallings Tr to Bruce M & Celeste Mannis
4066 EL BOSQUE DR: $390,000
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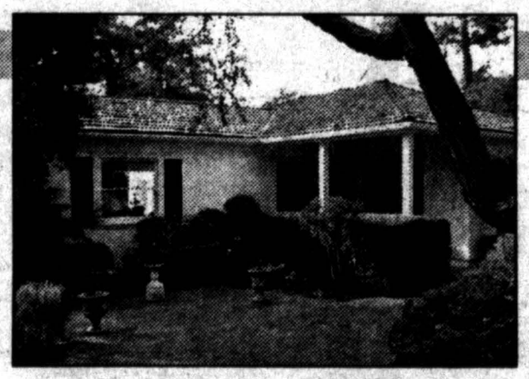

CARMEL - OCEAN VIEW CHARM

ON A QUIET TWISTING LANE above the village of Carmel lies this charming ocean view home. Though larger than a cottage, this residence has all he charm of one with its open beamed ceilings, and cozy rooms. Offering two bedrooms and two baths in the main house, a wonderful kitchen with granite counters, an ocean view sunroom, a spacious view living room and a roomy south facing ocean view deck. Also included in a separate apartment with full bath, a two-car garage all on a sizable lot and within easy drive to the shops of Carmel and the rest of the Monterey Peninsula. $1,100,000. Tim Allen & Greg Linder, (831) 214-1990, (831) 626-2221.

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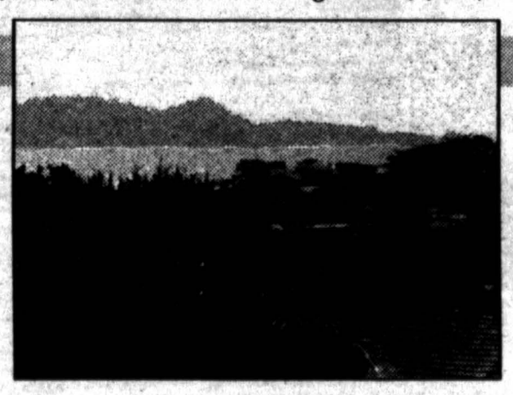

CARMEL - OCEAN VIEW RESIDENCE

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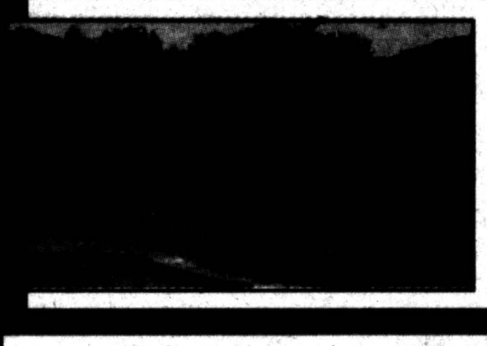

CARMEL HIGHLANDS — This stunning newly constructed Highlands Mediterranean estate is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. Where on the Monterey Peninsula can you find a property with 1.8 useable acres, ocean views, a guesthouse, tennis court, swimming pool, and greenhouse? The main house is an entertainer's dream. Gracious room sizes and flowing floor plan lead to extensive slate decking with dramatic ocean views.
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MONTEREY — In sunny Peters Gate, this classic cottage was the last homes built by Greene and Greene in 1929 and has been designated as historic by the city of Monterey. Its shingled exterior exudes charm. Inside you'll find all original redwood, with hardwood floors throughout. A real bonus is the separate guesthouse or artist's studio. This one's a real treasure!
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CARMEL — This Country English home is on an oversized double corner lot surrounded by lush landscaping. Masterfully built, the flooring is a wonderful mixture of cherry wood, slate, tile and wool berber carpet. The cook's kitchen has a Sub-Zero refrigerator and custom cabinetry. Separate master suite with a claw foot tub and shower, plus a surprisingly finished attic!
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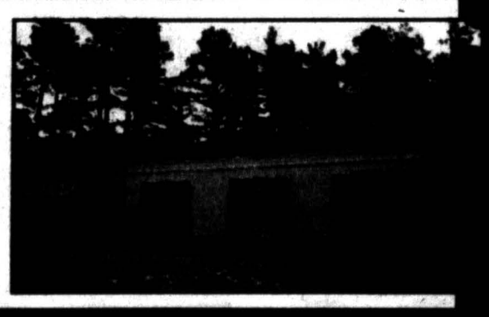

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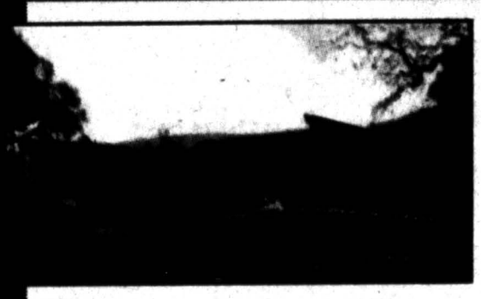

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3BR/2BA	John Levinson	11:00-1:00
3556 Taylor Road		$1,395,000
3BR/3.5BA	Steve Travaille	2:00-4:00
CARMEL VALLEY		
#6 Via del Zorro		$1,445,000
5BR/2.5BA	Miles Martin	1:00-4:00
11523 Hidden Hills Rd		$830,000
3BR/2BA	Richard Warren	2:00-4:00
MONTEREY/SALINAS HWY		
25350 Jasmine Court		$370,000
3BR/2.5BA	Nick Glaser	2:00-4:00
PACIFIC GROVE		
700 Briggs		$1,445,000
2BR/2BA	Dale Thies	1:00-4:00

SUNDAY

CARMEL		
Junipero 3 NE/3rd		$879,000
3BR/2BA	David Ehrenpreis	1:00-4:00
3556 Taylor Road		$1,395,000
3BR/3.5BA	Steve Travaille	2:00-4:00
CARMEL VALLEY		
#6 Via del Zorro		$1,445,000
5BR/2.5BA	Diane Hardcastle	2:00-4:00
6 Merrill Way		$525,000
3BR/2BA	Joan Zielinski	1:00-4:00
#6 Via del Zorro		$1,445,000
5BR/2.5BA	Diane Hardcastle	2:00-4:00
184 Hacieda		$255,000
2BR/2BA	Jack Johnson	2:00-4:00
MONTEREY/SALINAS HWY		
25350 Jasmine Court		$370,000
3BR/2.5BA	Nick Glaser	1:00-4:00
26005 Ned Lane		$695,000
5BR/4+BA	JoAnna Tupman	2:00-5:00
PACIFIC GROVE		
700 Briggs #71		$269,000
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REAL ESTATE

Does a family with more toilets flush more often?

By MARY BROWNFIELD

AFTER LENGTHY discussion, the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District's technical advisory committee — which includes district personnel and a planner representing each of the district's seven jurisdictions — decided March 8 to recommend the district study two changes designed to ease the Monterey Peninsula's perennial water strain on residential water users.

The TAC encouraged the district to consider allowing the transfer of residential water credits from one home to another and the addition of bathrooms to existing homes without requiring the home owner to have a water allocation.

In theory, the committee unanimously supported the transfer of water credits from one residential property to another, so long as it would not result in increased water use.

"I'm in support, but I'm not in support if it increases the overall amount of water we're using," said Carmel City Planner Chip Rerig, who represents Carmel-by-the-Sea on the committee.

Committee members agreed that the issue would need comprehensive study — including environmental review — but that any creative solutions to the water problem should be encouraged and considered.

"I believe any rule changes will have to comply with CEQA," said attorney David Laredo, who serves as the district's legal counsel. "We have to consider the consequences to the river. How are we going to comply with CEQA and satisfy all the competing interests?"

Judy MacClelland, representing Pacific Grove, said more data are needed and that the accounting system — which counts allocations for businesses as opposed to fixture units for residences — might have to be overhauled.

Only one member of the public, Carmel Point resident John Hagstrom, commented on the issue. He said the current policy discriminates against homeowners.

"As the law is right now, it's discriminatory, because it only allows commercial transfers," he said. Hagstrom recently remodeled his Carmel Point house, removing three utility sinks in the process, and was later dismayed to learn he could not transfer those credits to another property in the area.

MacClelland made the motion unanimously approved by the committee.

"I move that the TAC supports exploration of a residential water transfer credit program as part of any adjustment that might need to be made to satisfy the state board order, which would likely include increasing the savings percentage," she said.

Currently, when fixtures are removed from a house and the homeowner receives credits for them, the total amount is reduced by 15 percent in hopes of reducing overall water use by Cal-Am customers. No such system exists for users of private wells or other water systems.

"We always need to look at ways to encourage the public to conserve, and to provide incentives," she said.

More bathrooms = more water?

The committee also voted to look into adding bathrooms to existing homes without penalty, though members again expressed concerns that more bathrooms might mean higher water use although the number of residents in each house would presumably remain the same.

"When you have three people fighting to get out the door at the same time and only one bathroom, the time spent in the shower might be a little shorter," said City of Monterey representative Haywood Norton. "I feel that if they had three bathrooms, the showers might be a little longer than they should be."

Rerig said he could not support allowing additional bathrooms if the change would result in increased water use, and that the issue should be studied thoroughly before the TAC throws its support behind it.

"We have too little information, so I can't support it," he said.

Discussion also focused on how the district counts units of water usage in residences. It currently counts fixture units, but in the past based allocations on square footage, a method shot down because large homes do not necessarily use more water than smaller homes.

"Do mansions use that much more water than modest homes?" he asked.

The district at one time considered basing water allocations on the number of bedrooms in a home, Laredo said, but arguments over what was labeled a bedroom deterred the district from using that method.

Expressing the frustration of many members of the public, Sand City representative Steve Matarazzo said, "This kind of discussion could continue for another 20 years — it's ridiculous."

He then made the motion to approve consideration and study of the issue.

"I move we go to the policy advisory committee with the concept of adding additional bathrooms, with additional study to assure that it would not increase water demand," he said.

The committee voted unanimously in support of the motion.

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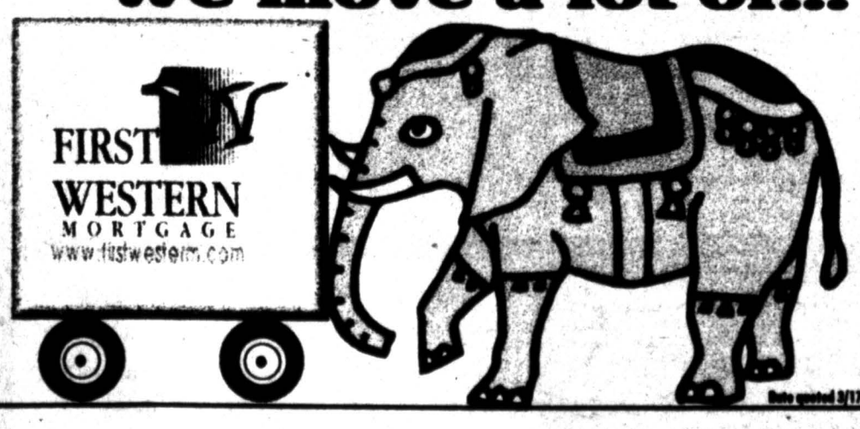

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REAL ESTATE

New downtown guidelines shelved for further study

By TAMARA GRIPPI

A NEW set of laws designed to preserve the unique look of Carmel's commercial district by giving builders more leeway — approved by the city council last month — is now on hold until it can be studied for potential environmental impacts.

And Carmel City Council members Barbara Livingston and Marshall Hydorn — who both voted yes on the new law in February — seemed to be having second thoughts when the guidelines were discussed last week. They expressed doubts whether increasing maximum permitted height, lot coverage and floor area ratio downtown was a good idea.

The guidelines would also encourage apartments above shops downtown — a trend which is seen by many city planners as key to maintenance of a small-town feel and as a major convenience for seniors. But the two council members raised new doubts about encouraging the construction of apartments downtown.

"If we add more and more second-story residences we're going to have more of a tunnel effect. We're not going to look over and see the wonderful trees on the adjacent streets, the blue sky," Hydorn said.

The council remanded the ordinance back to the planning commission for environmental review and agreed to set up a workshop to review the new guidelines.

Carmel Principal Planner Brian Roseth — who drafted the ordinance — originally determined that the new law would be exempt from California Environmental Quality Act review because it was a "conservation" program.

But after receiving a letter from former city councilmen David Maradei and Jim Wright asking for an environmental impact report, Roseth decided that the city should err on the side of caution and conduct an initial study.

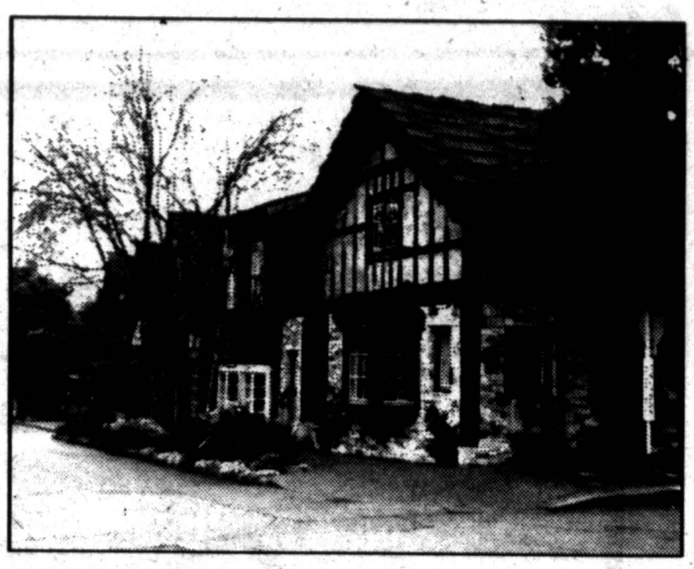
Wright and Maradei argued that by extending height and second floor square foot allowances, the city could experience "a new building boom in the commercial districts."

"The cumulative impact of a commercial district being rebuilt to take financial advantage of the expanded square foot allowances will have a significant effect on the environment," the men argued in their letter.

The Carmel Planning Commission proposed the new ordinance to fill a gap in the city's design guidelines.

All downtown buildings were previously subject to the same rules for the mixed residential and commercial district — including setbacks, floor area ratio, coverage and height far below what currently exists in the central commercial area of Ocean Avenue.

Many of the city's most-admired downtown buildings violated the old standards, Roseth said. If one of them had burned down it could not be rebuilt without meeting those standards.



Guidelines designed to encourage builders to erect structures in the Carmel style have been put on hold until environmental review can be completed.

The new ordinance for the central commercial district allows:

- 100 percent building coverage of a site;
- floor area ratios of 95 percent of the site area for one-story buildings and 135 percent for two-story buildings;
- additional floor area for buildings that include senior housing, low income housing, courtyards or public walkways;
- buildings limited to two stories and a total of 35 feet in height;
- no side, front or rear yard setbacks; and
- no on-site parking.

At the Feb. 7 council meeting, some members worried that by easing some of the restrictions downtown, the city could be asking for trouble — in the form of tall, box-like architecture.

"I feel that increased height will take away from the historic look of downtown," said Livingston. "I like to see trees through the openings of buildings. It just really makes our village look more like a village."

"My biggest concern is with the changes in floor area ratio," said Melanie Billig, president of the Carmel Residents Association. "In trying to save the village and promote preservation while allowing some latitude, we might be causing the demise of it."

But Carmel City Administrator Jere Kersnar reminded the council that Carmel's general plan actually encourages second floor residences — more than what the city has now.

"The general plan can be changed," Kersnar said. "But until then we're obliged to carry out what the general plan has to say."

Councilwoman Sue McCloud appealed to the council to wait for more information before rejecting the ordinance.

"The planning commission and staff have spent a lot of time thinking about it," McCloud said. "We don't have the benefit of what's behind it. We should hold our fire. We owe it to staff and to the commission to give their reasons why they came to this conclusion."

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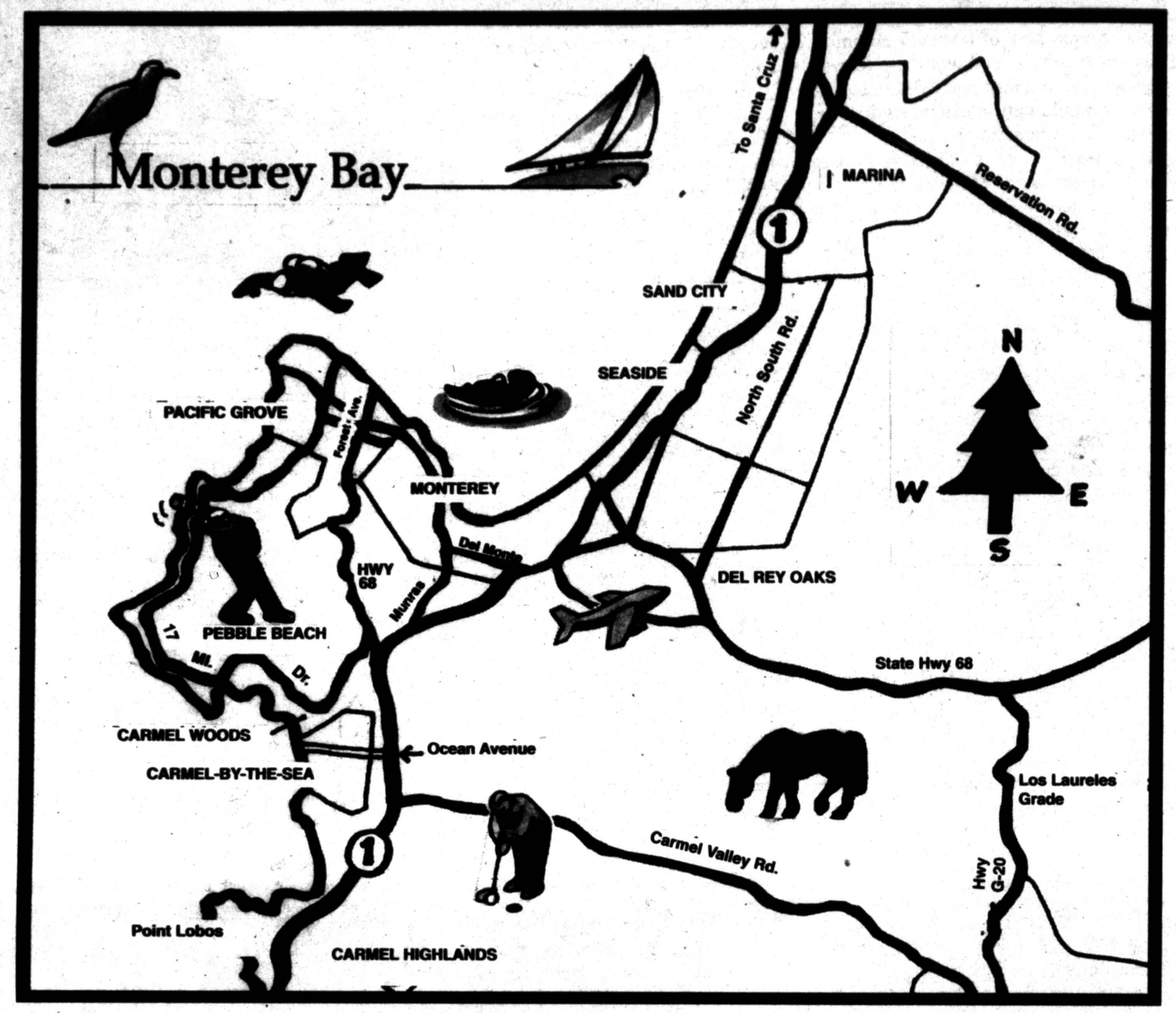

Carmel

$539,000	2bd 2ba	Su 12-3
Ocean Ave 4th SE of Forest		Carmel
A. G. Davi		373-2222
$589,000	3bd 3ba	Su 1-3
76 High Meadow Lane		Carmel
Coldwell Banker Del Monte		626-2221
$619,000	3bd 3.5ba	Su 12-3
Carpenter / Hwy 1& Lower Trail		Carmel
Carmel Realty		624-6482
$635,000	3bd 3ba	Sa 1-4
24408 San Mateo Ave		Carmel
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$675,000	2bd 2ba	Sa 1:30-4
4 NW Rio Rd x Santa Lucia		Carmel
Coldwell Banker Del Monte		626-2222
$695,000	3bd 2ba	Sa & Su 1-4
SE Cor Flanders Way		Carmel
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$725,000	3bd 2.5ba	Sa & Su 1-4
2790 Ribera Rd		Carmel
Coldwell Banker Del Monte		626-2222
$829,000	2bd 2ba	Sa 12-3 Su 1-4
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Coldwell Banker Del Monte		626-2222
$879,000	3bd 2ba	Sa 11-4 Su 1-4
Junipero 3 NE / 3rd		Carmel
Mitchell Group		624-0136
$979,000	3bd 2ba	Sa & Su 12-3
25940 Junipero		Carmel
Alain Pinel Realtors		622-1040
$1,049,000	3bd 3ba	Sa & Su 1:30-4
3533 Lazarro Drive		Carmel
Alain Pinel Realtors		622-1040
$1,150,000	4bd 3ba	Su 2-4
25872 Hatton Rd		Carmel
John Saar Properties		625-0500
$1,280,000	2bd 1.5ba	Sa 1-3
Carmelo 4 SW of 7th		Carmel
Coldwell Banker Del Monte		626-2221
$1,395,000	3bd 3.5ba	Sa & Su 2-4
3556 Taylor Rd		Carmel
Mitchell Group		624-0136
$1,750,000	3bd 2.5ba	Su 2:30-4:30
24005 Fairfield Place		Carmel
Coldwell Banker Del Monte		626-2222
$1,925,000	2bd 3ba	Sa 2-4 Su 1-4
26247 Inspiration Ave		Carmel
Carmel Realty		624-6482
$2,195,000	3bd 3.5ba	Su 1-3
26185 Dolores St		Carmel
Coldwell Banker Del Monte		626-2221
$2,200,000	5bd 3.5ba	Su 2-4
2486 17th Ave		Carmel
Coldwell Banker Del Monte		626-2222
$4,000,000	5bd 5ba	Su 1-3
2370 Stewart Way		Carmel
Jill Hacker		415-386-4138

Carmel Valley

$125,000		Sa & Su 2-4
#194 Hacienda Carmel		Carmel Valley
Fouratt-Simmons		624-3829
$255,000	2bd 2ba	Su 2-4
184 Hacienda		Carmel Valley
Mitchell Group		624-0136
$525,000	3bd 2ba	Su 1-4
6 Merrill Way		Carmel Valley
Mitchell Group		624-0136
$830,000	3bd 2ba	Sa 2-4
11523 Hidden Hills Rd		Carmel Valley
Mitchell Group		624-0136
$1,445,000	5bd 2.5ba	Sa 1-4 Su 12-2
#6 Via del Zorro		Carmel Valley
Mitchell Group		624-0136

Greenfield

$136,500	3bd 2ba	Su 2-4
266 Oak St		Greenfield
Mitchell Group		624-0136

Monterey

$359,000	2bd 1ba	Su 1-3
1099 Prescott		Monterey
Coldwell Banker Del Monte		626-2226
$395,000	3bd 2ba	Sa & Su 1-3
612 Taylor St		Monterey
Coldwell Banker Del Monte		626-2222
$795,000	5bd 3.5ba	Sa 12-2
284 Forest Ridge x Skyline		Monterey
Coldwell Banker Del Monte		626-2222

Mty/Salinas Hwy

$360,000	3bd 2.5ba	Sa 1-4
18054 Stonehaven Ct		Mtry/Sins Hwy
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$370,000	3bd 2.5ba	Sa 2-4 Su 1-4
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$395,000	3bd 2ba	Sa 1-3
20091 Portola		Mtry/Sins Hwy
Coldwell Banker Del Monte		626-2222
$449,000	3bd 2ba	Su 1:30-4
18880 Heritage Court		Mtry/Sins Hwy
Alain Pinel Realtors		622-1040
$695,000	5bd 4ba	Su 2-5
26005 Ned Lane		Mtry/Sins Hwy
Mitchell Group		624-0136
$795,000	3bd 2ba	Su 1-4
25545 Hidden Mesa Rd		Mtry/Sins Hwy
Alain Pinel Realtors		622-1040

Pacific Grove

$269,000	2bd 2ba	Sa & Su 1-4
700 Briggs #71		Pacific Grove
Mitchell Group		624-0136
$420,000	3bd 1.5ba	Sa & Su 1-4
149 15th St		Pacific Grove
Alain Pinel Realtors		622-1040
$525,000	3bd 2ba	Su 1:30-3:30
711 Pine Ave		Pacific Grove
Coldwell Banker Del Monte		626-2222

Pebble Beach

$675,000	3bd 3ba	Sa & Su 2-4
#12 Shepherd's Knoll		Pebble Beach
Alain Pinel Realtors		622-1040
$775,000	3bd 2ba	Su 1-4
1117 Sawmill Gulch		Pebble Beach
Coldwell Banker Del Monte		626-2226
$1,595,000		Su 1-4
2849 Seventeen Mile Drive		Pebble Beach
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John Saar Properties		625-0500
$2,100,000	4bd 4ba	Sa 1-4 Su 2-5
3075 Forest Way		Pebble Beach
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Seaside

$268,000	3bd 1ba	Sa 1-4 Su 11-1
1766 Lowell St		Seaside
Alain Pinel Realtors		622-1040
$285,000	2bd 2ba	Sa & Su 1-4
630 Hamilton		Seaside
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REAL ESTATE

Candidates disagree over raccoons, fate of village's Monterey pines

CANDIDATES FOR mayor and two city council seats in next month's municipal election were asked by The Pine Cone to answer a series of questions on the important issues facing the city. This week we present their views on two of the most controversial issues in the election: the overpopulation of raccoons and the city's aging and diseased Monterey pines.

Question for the candidates:
Do you think the city is adequately addressing the raccoon overpopulation problem?

SUE McCLOUD
(candidate for mayor):

The city can and should do more to help protect its citizens and their property from any damage, whether it be by flood, storms or raccoons. Dr. Melton is only responsible for public health issues, not for the protection of property. It is not reasonable to think that each owner should be solely responsible, for raccoons do not respect property boundaries. Steps to put covers on city trash cans and to educate our commercial district landlords and tenants are positive, but should continue and be increased to include full and part-time residents. The city should consider contracting with a trapper who would be on call for our residents, rather than each resident having to pay independently.

KEN WHITE
(seeking re-election as mayor):

The city has begun an educational program asking residents not to attract wildlife by leaving food outside. The city has invested public funds to cover all its public trash receptacles, and we encourage residents to do the same. The city is presently doing everything it can under the State Fish and Game laws. A health study on raccoons is under way. When it is complete, we will have more information upon which we can act.

GERARD ROSE
(candidate for city council):

I think it is clear that the city has not adequately addressed the raccoon problem. It is irresponsible to stand by idly while the lives of children and pets are threatened by disease. And it is unrealistic to think that keeping an eye on our pets' food or refraining from feeding raccoons will solve the problem. It is time to face up to the fact that we have a serious health and safety issue on our hands, and that we must take active steps to test our raccoon population and to reduce their number by moving them out of the area.

BARBARA LIVINGSTON
(seeking re-election to the city council):

The raccoon overpopulation problem is being studied by the police chief and the public health director for Monterey County, Dr. Melton.

Currently, the thinking is to create a public relations program to educate people to not feed wildlife, to feed their pets indoors and keep them indoors at night.

JOE STEINFELD
(candidate for city council):

The largest raccoons I've seen were in downtown San Francisco and Redwood City between 10 and 11 p.m. They are, like pigeons and rats, a part of nature that have also become city dwellers. We can minimize their presence by joining with our neighbors in keeping our waste containers tightly closed. The city informs me that they are in the process of putting lids on public trash containers.

I welcome any suggestions on how the raccoon population can be reduced. Our wonderful urban forest is one of their habitats and I don't think we can get rid of them entirely.

MARSHALL HYDORN
(seeking re-election to city council):

The city is doing all that it legally can do about the raccoon problem pending release of findings of a study in progress. No action can be taken until the assessment of the extent of the danger to residents has been completed by researchers at San Jose State University. If the figures, when released, are as conclusive as I expect them to be, I will immediately call for a declaration of a public health emergency from the County public health examiner, Dr. Melton. In the meantime residents have the prerogative to hire independent contractors to trap and then eliminate raccoons that the homeowner can demonstrate to have caused damage to their property. The city does not have this prerogative and such action would immediately trigger a CEQA review as a "project."

DICK ELY
(candidate for city council):

The raccoon problem remains an issue to many residents and demands further action. The number of incidents including property damage, pet attacks and health concerns requires a more sympathetic and aggressive response from our City Council. There is a real safety and health concern and CEQA should not be a barrier to appropriate action including elimination.

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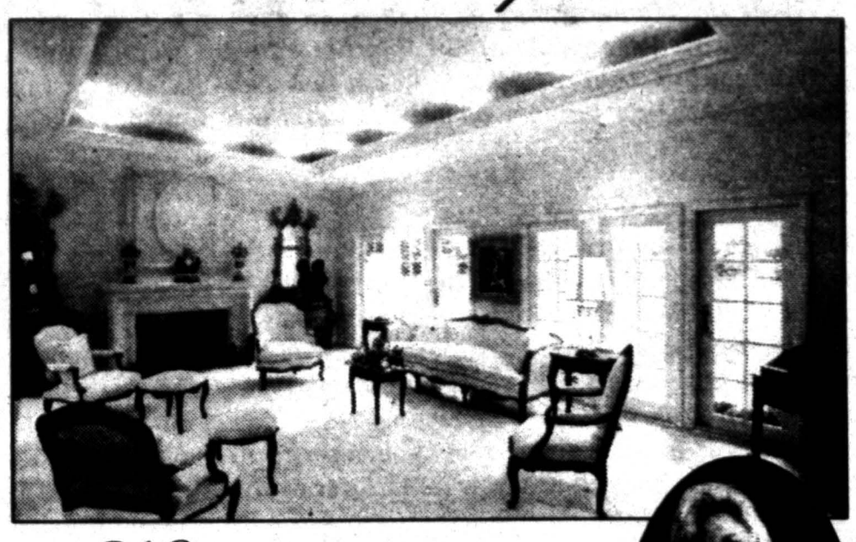
Pebble Beach Open House



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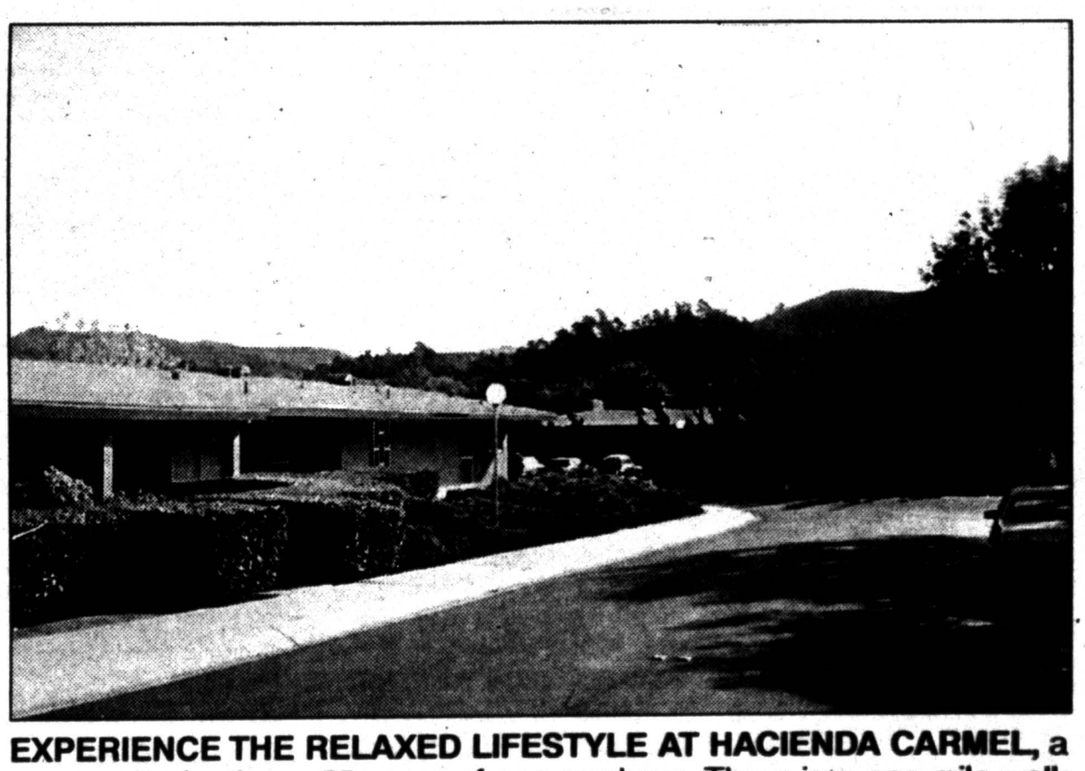

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CANDIDATES

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What should the city be doing about the pitch canker epidemic? Should the Monterey pine be declared a threatened species, as has been proposed by the California Native Plant Society? Should a resident be able to cut down an aging Monterey pine simply because he or she fears it will fall?

KEN WHITE

The City of Carmel-by-the-Sea was the initiator of the first Pitch Canker Task Force and hosted the first conference of professionals on this subject. City Forester is co-chair of the State of California's Task Force. Carmel-by-the-Sea has been a leader in helping secure $2 million in research funding through the State.

I do not believe the Monterey pine should be declared an endangered species at this point. Much more information about the epidemic is needed.

Residents should apply for permission to the Forest and Beach Department regarding removal of aging or potentially dangerous trees. The situation can then be assessed by an expert who will take into consideration not only the tree, but health and safety concerns of the community. It should be noted that the City Forester approves over 70 percent of such applications.

SUE MCCLOUD

We have need of a Forest Management Plan which address replanting/reforestation of pitch canker affected trees, as well as the oaks. Many of our pines are reaching the end of their natural life span: Some are showing resistance to pitch canker. For those with pitch canker that do not show resistance and are near the end of their years, we should have an established and funded program to take down the trees, rout the stump and replant on both public and private property. This will provide us a forest of varying age to carry us into the future. The oaks are another matter. Whatever is afflicting them appears to be quick and deadly and apparently cannot be reversed. Oaks are slower growing than the pine and will take longer to reforest should the village become afflicted with this disease which is In Big Sur and Carmel Valley.

As to declaring the Monterey pine a threatened species, even the experts are in disagreement on the pros and cons of this step.

Each request should be reviewed on its own merits. Citizens should not live in fear or have to move out of their homes during a storm. The fact remains that over the years, the upper canopy trees have been reduced in number. This often leaves a tree standing by itself where it is more vulnerable if it is top heavy than if it were protected by several tress acting as a windbreak for each other.

DICK ELY

The Pitch Canker epidemic was evident in 1992. Action should have been initiated then to minimize the impact that our community will realize for the next two decades. Not only will the character of the community be affected but also economic viability. Immediate action must be taken to mitigate the damages and visual effects. The city should negotiate a multi-year service contract to eliminate and replace infected trees and allow residents to participate. This would save the city and the residents substantial resources.

The Monterey Pine does not meet the criteria for consideration under ESA. Any resident who has a seriously infected tree should be allowed to remove the tree. It is unreasonable and totally inappropriate for the city to unilaterally dictate this decision. Allowing the resident to take remedial action alleviates their concern, begins the process of restoration and reduces the city's liability. In the case of an "aging" Monterey pine, that determination can be very subjective. Because of the city's responsibility to preserve the character of our village, the decision to remove the tree should be partially based on a professional evaluation.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20000363. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as **BORONDA MANAGEMENT,** 21 Boronda Rd., Carmel Valley, CA 93924. JOANNE T. MILLARD, 21 Boronda Rd., Carmel Valley, CA 93924. This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed above on Feb. 20, 2000. (s) Joanne T. Millard. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Feb. 15, 2000. Publication dates: Feb. 25, Mar. 3, 10, 17, 2000. (PC221)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20000028. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as **TRI DELTA FERTILIZER,** 2835 West Washington, Stockton, CA 95203. LESCO, INC., OHIO, 20005 Lake Road, Rocky River, OH 44116. This business is conducted by a corporation. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed above on Oct. 1, 1999. (s) Patricia W. Pribisko, Vice President, General Counsel/ Corporate Secretary, Lesco, Inc. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Feb. 14, 2000. Publication dates: Feb. 25, Mar. 3, 10, 17, 2000. (PC222)

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME File No. 972083. The following persons have abandoned the use of the fictitious business name **JERRY REKOSH,** 3004 Ransford Circle, Pacific Grove, CA 93950. The fictitious business name referred to above was filed in Monterey County on October 28, 1997. JEROLD H. REKOSH, 3004 Ransford Circle, Pacific Grove, CA 93950. This business was conducted by an individual. (s) Jerold H. Rekosh. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Feb. 14, 2000. Publication dates: Feb. 25, March 3, 10, 17, 2000. (PC223)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20000318. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as **ADVANCED MEDIA SYSTEMS,** PMB #119, 798 Lighthouse Ave., Monterey 93940. ALIDOG MEDIA, INC., 398 Genoa Highlands Circle, Genoa, NV 89441. This business is conducted by a corporation. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed above on Feb. 8, 2000. (s) Jeremy Cable, Pres. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Feb. 8, 2000. Publication dates: Mar. 3, 10, 17, 24, 2000. (PC301)

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF MONTEREY
In re the Estate of
CAROLYN ANN MITCHELL, Deceased.
Case No. MP-14874
NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF CAROLYN ANN MITCHELL

Notice is hereby given to the creditors and contingent creditors of the above-named decedent, that all persons having claims against the decedent are required to file them with the Superior Court at 1200 Aguajito Road, Monterey, California 93940, and mail a copy to Phillips Barnes at 3097 Messinger Drive, Marina, California 93923, or, if notice is mailed or personally delivered to you, 30 days after the date this notice is mailed or personally delivered to you, or you must petition to file a late claim as provided in Section 19103 of the Probate Code. A claim form may be obtained from the court clerk. For your protection, you are encouraged to file your claim by certified mail, with return receipt requested.

Donald G. Freeman
Attorney for the Estate
Post Office Box 805
Carmel, California 93921

Publication dates: March 3, 10, 17, 2000. (PC 302)

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME File No. 20000406. The following person(s) has/have abandoned the use of the fictitious business name: **TENET PHYSICIAN SERVICES OF THE CENTRAL COAST,** 3820 State Street, Santa Barbara, CA 93105., The fictitious business name referred to above was filed on January 20, 1999 in the County of Monterey and original File No. 990124. Tenet HealthSystem Partners, Inc., a California Corporation, 3820 State Street, Santa Barbara, CA 93105. This business was conducted by a corporation. Signed: TENET HEALTHSYSTEM PARTNERS, INC., By: Richard B. Silver, Secretary. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on February 22, 2000. Publication dates: March 3, 10, 17, 24, 2000. (PC303)

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE
of DONALD HARVEY McGILVRA, deceased, also known as DONALD H. McGILVRA.
Case Number MP 14889

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of DONALD HARVEY McGILVRA, also known as DONALD H. McGILVRA.

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by DONALD G. FREEMAN in the Superior Court of California, County of MONTEREY.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that DONALD G. FREEMAN be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on April 7, 2000 at 10:30 a.m., in the Superior Court of California, County of Monterey, 1200 Aguajito Road, Monterey, CA 93940.

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within four months from the date of first issuance of letters as provided in Probate Code section 9100. The time for filing claims will not expire before four months from the hearing date noticed above.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a *Request for Special Notice* (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A *Request for Special Notice* form is available from the court clerk.

Petitioner DONALD G. FREEMAN, P.O. Box 805, Carmel, CA 93921. (831) 624-5339. (s) DONALD G. FREEMAN, Petitioner.

Publication dates: March 10, 17, 24, 2000. (PC306)

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE
of EUGENIE A. MELCHIOR, deceased.
Case Number MP 14888

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of EUGENIE A. MELCHIOR.

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by CLARISSE DUYGOU in the Superior Court of California, County of MONTEREY.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that CLARISSE DUYGOU be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on April 7, 2000 at 10:30 a.m., in the Superior Court of California, County of Monterey, 1200 Aguajito Road, Monterey, CA 93940.

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within four months from the date of first issuance of letters as provided in Probate Code section 9100. The time for filing claims will not expire before four months from the hearing date noticed above.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a *Request for Special Notice* (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A *Request for Special Notice* form is available from the court clerk.

Attorney for petitioner DONALD G. FREEMAN, Perry and Freeman, P.O. Box 805, Carmel, CA 93921. (831) 624-5339. (s) Clarisse Duygou, Petitioner.

Publication dates: March 10, 17, 24, 2000. (PC307)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20000435. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as **BAY VIEW SERVICES,** 838 Pedersen Ct., Pacific Grove, CA 93950. PAUL PLACHY, 838 Pedersen Ct., Pacific Grove, CA 93950. This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed above on Feb. 15, 2000. (s) Paul Plachy. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Feb. 24, 2000. Publication dates: Mar. 10, 17, 24, 31, 2000. (PC308)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20000549. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as **DeANGELO, INC. dba DeANGELO PEST CONTROL,** 283 East Alisal Street, Salinas, CA 93901. ROBERT L. DeANGELO, 139 Clay Street, Salinas, CA 93901. This business is conducted by a corporation. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed above on June 22, 1979. (s) Robert L. DeAngelo. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on March 8, 2000. Publication dates: Mar. 17, 24, 31, April 7, 2000. (PC309)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20000440. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as **GARDEN DELI,** 2000 Garden Road, Monterey, California 93940. ROSARIO C. O'DONNELL, 1046 Highlander Drive, Seaside, California 93955. This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed above on Feb. 15, 2000. (s) Rosaria C. O'Donnell. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Feb. 25, 2000. Publication dates: Mar. 17, 24, 31, April 7, 2000. (PC310)

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME File No. 980345. The following person(s) has/have abandoned the use of the fictitious business name: **GARDEN DELI & JUICE,** 2000 Garden Road, Monterey, California 93940. The fictitious business name referred to above was filed in Monterey County on February 23, 1998. Renee M. Davi, 724 Jessie Street, Monterey, California 93940; Anthony P. Davi, 724 Jessie Street, Monterey, California 93940. This business was conducted by husband and wife.. Signed: RENEE M. DAVI. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on February 25, 2000. Publication dates: March 17, 24, 31, April 7, 2000. (PC311)

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE
of WILLIAM ALLEN PAGE
aka WILLIAM A. PAGE
Case Number MP 14887

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of WILLIAM ALLEN PAGE

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by JEFFREY LYNN PAGEL in the Superior Court of California, County of MONTEREY.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that JEFFREY LYNN PAGE be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on March 31, 2000 at 10:30a.m., Dept. 14: Probate, in the Superior Court of California, County of Monterey, 1200 Aguajito Road, Monterey, CA 93940.

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

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Petitioner JAMES EFTING, Jackson, Brown & Efting, 415 So. Murphy Ave., Sunnyvale, CA 94086 (408) 732-3114(s) JAMES EFTING, Esq., Attorney for Petitioner.

Publication dates: March 17, 24, 31, 2000 (PC 312)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20000446. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as **ALT IMPRESSIONIST GALLERY,** Lincoln Ave. between 7th & Ocean, Carmel, CA 93921. DUANE ALT, 3504 Sierra Vista, Glendale, CA 91208. This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed above on Feb. 25, 2000. (s) Duane Alt. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Feb. 25, 2000. Publication dates: Mar. 17, 24, 31, April 7, 2000. (PC313)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20000538. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as **TELEPACIFIC COMMUNICATIONS,** 515 S. Flower Street, 49th Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90071. U.S. TELEPACIFIC CORP. (California), 515 S. Flower Street, 49th Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90071. This business is conducted by a corporation. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name listed herein. (s) Kristin Gooldy, Secretary. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on March 8, 2000. Publication dates: Mar. 17, 24, 31, April 7, 2000. (PC314)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20000562. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as **R & L MAINTENANCE CLEANING SERVICES,** 740 Casanova Ave., Apt. #30, Monterey, CA 93940. RUBEN ALVARADO, 740 Casanova Ave., Apt. #30, Monterey, CA 93940. LAURA ALVARADO, 740 Casanova Ave., Apt. #30, Monterey, CA 93940. This business is conducted by a husband & wife. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Feb. 10, 2000. (s) Ruben Alvarado. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on March 9, 2000. Publication dates: Mar. 17, 24, 31, April 7, 2000. (PC315)

Don't forget to check out the Pine Cone's Website! www.carmelpinecone.com

MARSHALL HYDORN

The city is dependent on research by state and other research efforts. More effort should be put into reforesting at this time, however, with emphasis put on planting cypress and redwoods.

The Forester, Forest and Beach Commission, and certified arborists must review any tree as a pre-condition to removal.

JOE STEINFELD

Our urban forest and private trees are nature's treasures that must be preserved. We must keep up to date on how pitch canker can be combated and we must contest the decision not to declare Monterey pines a threatened species. It's just another state and federal evasion of responsibility to protect the environment.

Concluding that local denuding of Monterey pines is OK because they survive in other mostly remote areas is like denying flood or storm relief because the whole world is not affected.

No trees should be cut down until a qualified arborist agrees they may fall.

BARBARA LIVINGSTON

State, county, and local governments are heavily engaged in research and studies.

Is the Monterey Pine an endangered species? The experts have contradicted themselves, first saying yes, then no. According to Bill Libby, a UC Berkeley genetics and forestry professor, "whatever the fate of the pine, its future can be better assured by preserving as much native pine habitat as possible." I would say that the Monterey Pine is in danger — as much as 85 percent of the pines are infected with pitch canker and not even the experts will hazard a guess regarding the mortality rate. Hopefully, the survival of the fittest trees will provide seeds to replenish the decimated forest.

Seventy-five percent of tree removal applications that come to the Forest & Beach department are approved. Of the remaining 25 percent, the forester makes a determination, using state of the art equipment, that the trees are sound and should not be removed, or that they are diseased and must be removed.

GERARD ROSE

The best solution to the pitch pine canker problem is to support the city's professional staff in its effort to replace dead trees with alternative varieties. The Monterey pine should not be declared an endangered species. First of all, there is respectable authority for the proposition that it is not endangered; Second, placing it on the endangered species list could have dire consequences to our residents and to the California economy, generally. Finally, we should allow homeowners to cut down pines whenever the city forester and his staff decide that they pose a substantial threat to lives or buildings.

POLICE LOG

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nounced deceased.

Carmel Valley: Los Angeles resident requested a welfare check of her depressed son, who lives at Rippling River. He was found to be fine, but had the ringer to his phone off so he couldn't be bothered.

Carmel Valley: Del Fino Place business owner reported his window broken sometime during the night by unknown person(s).

Carmel Valley: Monterey resident stopped for vehicle code violations and found to be driving without a license. He was cited and his car stored by Carmel Chevron.

Pebble Beach: Mora Lane resident reported seeing an unknown person standing on his front porch near an entry door to his residence. The person stated he was looking for his dog and left without incident.

MONDAY, MARCH 6

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of a flashlight at a construction site at Casanova and 12th. Light was from the patrol car's spotlight. Unfounded.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Flagged down at Carpenter and Second. Report of a male juvenile walking in traffic. Area checked.

Pebble Beach: Unknown person(s) entered a Los Altos Drive residence under renovation. Taken were power tools out of the garage. No suspects.

Pebble Beach: A men's leather wallet was turned over to Pebble Beach Security by a local resident who found it off Bronco Road. The owner of the wallet was identified as a French national. The wallet will be mailed to his address in France.

Pebble Beach: Responded to an alarm call at a residence off of Cormorant Road. Found an unlocked side door into a garage. Inside the garage was a chest of drawers that may have been opened by an intruder. Unable to locate owner of property, who uses the house as a second residence.

Pebble Beach: El Bosque resident received a strange telephone call from someone searching for her father. She wanted a report on file to document same in case this was some sort of scam.

Carmel area: Center Place antique store owner reported someone stole a sign and spray painted on his building sometime between Saturday afternoon and this morning.

Carmel Valley: Man reported two trucks parked on his undeveloped property on Rancho San Carlos Road. Contacted the owner, who said he would move the trucks and repair the ruts they had made.

Big Sur: Santa Cruz resident called requesting a welfare check on her mother, a Clear Ridge resident. Contact was made.

Big Sur: River Inn representative reported an ex-employee making annoying phone calls to the River Inn and to his daughter.

Pebble Beach: Sunridge Road resident reported his 39-year-old son failed to return home. During this investigation, the son telephoned and said he was at a friend's house. Case closed.

TUESDAY, MARCH 7

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of a confused individual in the area of Ocean and San Carlos. Gone upon arrival.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Woman misplaced her purse on the evening of 3/6/00. She needed an incident report in order to be allowed on the airplane for her return flight. All of her photo IDs were in the purse. As the report was being completed, her purse

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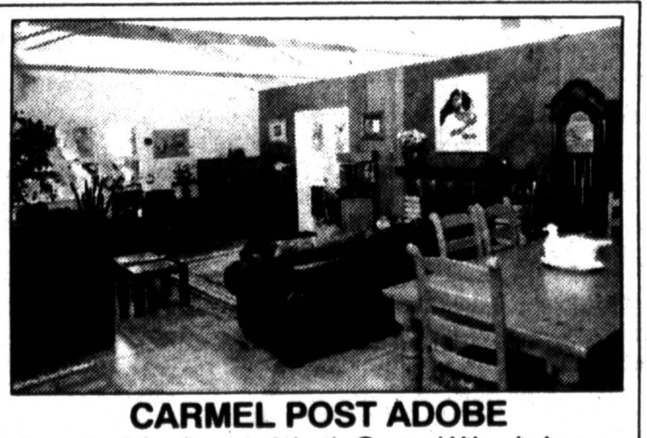

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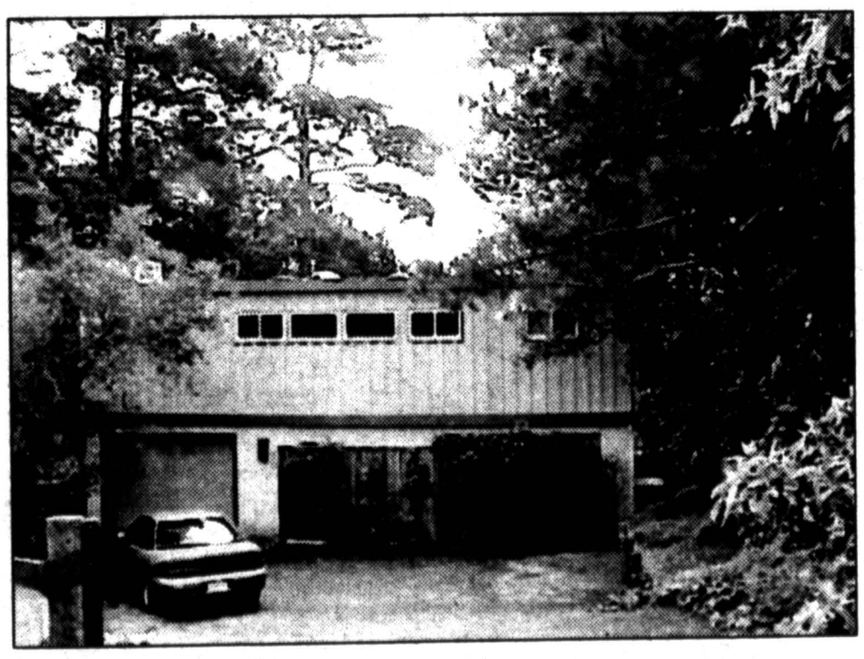

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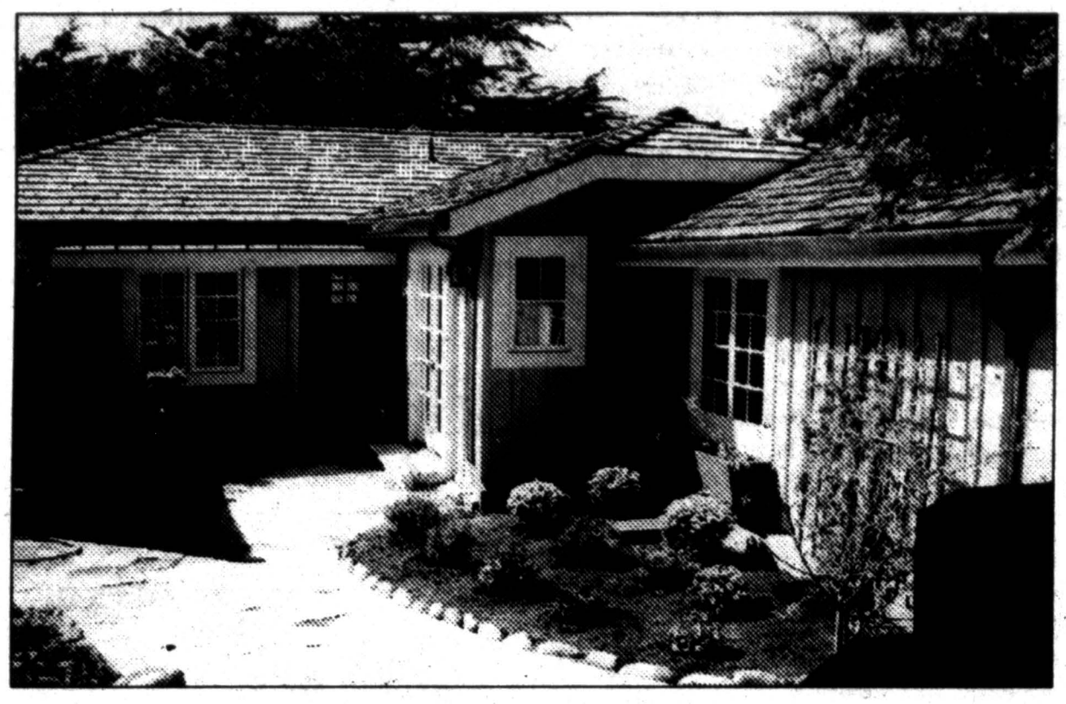

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POLICE LOG

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was found at the French Poodle.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Contacted a man at San Carlos and Ocean stumbling across the street. He fell into the roadway during the interview. He was arrested for public intoxication.

Pebble Beach: Riata Road resident received a telephone call from an unidentified male who gave the first name of Dave. Caller claimed to be in possession of her stolen wallet from weeks past. Caller asked her to meet him at the post office in Pebble Beach. She responded to the post office however could not locate anyone by the name of Dave.

Carmel area: Toyon Way resident slapped her son across the face during an argument.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Caregiver reported a Dolores resident was having a seizure. Upon arrival he was conscious and breathing. CFD and CFRA responded and transported him to CHOMP.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report that a man was loitering at a San Carlos Street gas station and wouldn't leave. Contacted him and advised him not to stay on the premises unless he was conducting business. He understood and left.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Vehicle parked blocking access to private driveway at Junipero and Fifth. Customers unable to leave. The vehicle was towed and stored by Carmel Chevron.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of $720 in currency and property stolen from a Carmel Plaza business.

Carmel area: Greenfield Place resident reported her mother had seen a suspicious van driving around her neighborhood. No van was found following a subsequent search.

Pebble Beach: Gonzales Police Department requested a report be filed regarding a theft of checks out of a 17 Mile Drive residence. These checks were subsequently forged and passed in the city of Gonzales. The suspect was identified as the victim's groundskeeper who obtained these checks out of the garage.

Carmel area: CDF Fire personnel found a wallet in front of their Rio Road fire station. The owner of the wallet was found and it was returned to him.

Pebble Beach: Unknown person(s) entered victim's vehicle parked unsecured in front of an El Bosque residence. Two Chevron credit cards were stolen and subsequently used several times in the Bay Area. The theft took place back in October 1999.

Carmel area: Yellow Brick Road thrift shop employee reported having a civil dispute with a woman over purchases she made.

Carmel area: Employee of a Carmel Rancho Blvd. realtor's office reported unknown person dropped 30-40 nails in the parking stalls of the business. She believes that it may have been intentional and malicious.

Carmel area: Fourteenth Avenue resident reported that an unknown suspect stole the front license plate off of his vehicle.The stolen plate has the 1984 U.S. Olympic design.

THURSDAY, MARCH 9

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Traffic stop and warning given to driver at Mission and Ninth for very dim rear license plate lamp.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of $1,165 worth of merchandise shoplifted from an Ocean Avenue business.

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Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of attempted entry to a storage room. Upon examination damage appeared to be from the inside and looked like somebody had changed the strike plate. No crime appeared to have taken place.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Welfare check requested on a Mission resident. Nobody home. Resident out playing Bingo.

FRIDAY, MARCH 10

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report that a piece of costume jewelry, a woman's ring with faux diamond chips valued at $79 had been taken from an open display case in a San Carlos store. No witnesses to the theft.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Citizen asked advise on any possible violations for a neighbor's noisy bird. He was advised there are no ordinances against squawking birds.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: People involved in a brief scuffle at Jack London's. No injuries were sustained. They did not want any action taken. They have a past history concerning allegations of vandalism. They were counseled concerning their behavior.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Vehicle parked at Fourth and Torres had 12 cites totaling $505. Towed and stored by Carmel Chevron.

Carmel area: Assisted Del Rey Oaks PD with a high-risk traffic stop after a pursuit of a stolen vehicle. Case continues with Del Rey Oaks PD.

Carmel Valley: Poppy Road residents got into a physical fight over a dog getting picked up by animal control.

Carmel area: Lazzaro resident reported hearing noises to the rear of her residence. A check of the back yard was conducted. All appeared okay.

SATURDAY, MARCH 11

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Traffic stop conducted on a driver who appeared lost. He was contacted and advised he was staying at a nearby hotel and had had an argument with his wife. He had been drinking and was given a courtesy transport to the hotel. His wife was all right. The car was parked on Ocean at Dolores.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Walk-through of a San Carlos Street bar requested because of a rowdy crowd. No problems noted.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Man reported someone "battered" him. He would not press charges nor would he go to the scene and identify the suspect. He just wanted CPD to know and he'll call when this person does something more than a "simple battery."

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Vehicle observed traveling on Highway 1 northbound from Carmel Valley Road at a speed of 25 mph and stopped at a green light at Ocean Avenue. Possible DUI. Driver evaluated and found to be sober. She stated she was just being careful.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Woman arrested at Seventh and San Carlos for public intoxication.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Woman arrested at Lincoln and First for violating a domestic violence order and vandalism under $400 in damage.

Carmel area: Upper Walden resident reported someone entered his residence. He had a similar incident recently where his neighbor had entered his house while he was away.

Carmel Valley: Woman reported her boyfriend had slapped her on the left side of her face, resulting in a cut to her inside upper lip. He was subsequently arrested and transported to the county jail.

Carmel area: Dolores resident reported her automatic garage door opening by itself. Area check made, nothing found. Door malfunction.

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SALE PENDING

NEW ON MARKET! On a quiet lane lies this charming ocean-view home. Though larger than a cottage, this residence has all the charm of one with its high-pitched ceilings and cozy rooms. Two bedrooms, 2-1/2-baths in the main house, and a separate apartment with full bath. Immerse yourself in the magic of Carmel with this fabulous & private ocean-view home on a sizeable lot. $1,100,000.

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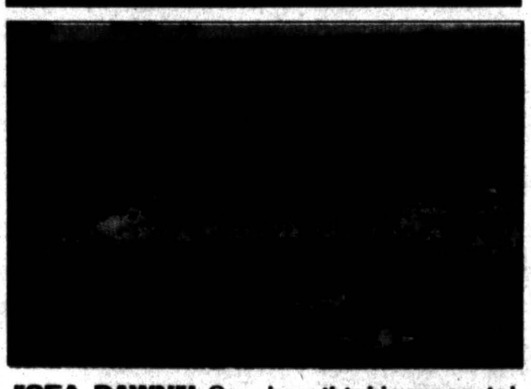
CARMEL HIGHLANDS



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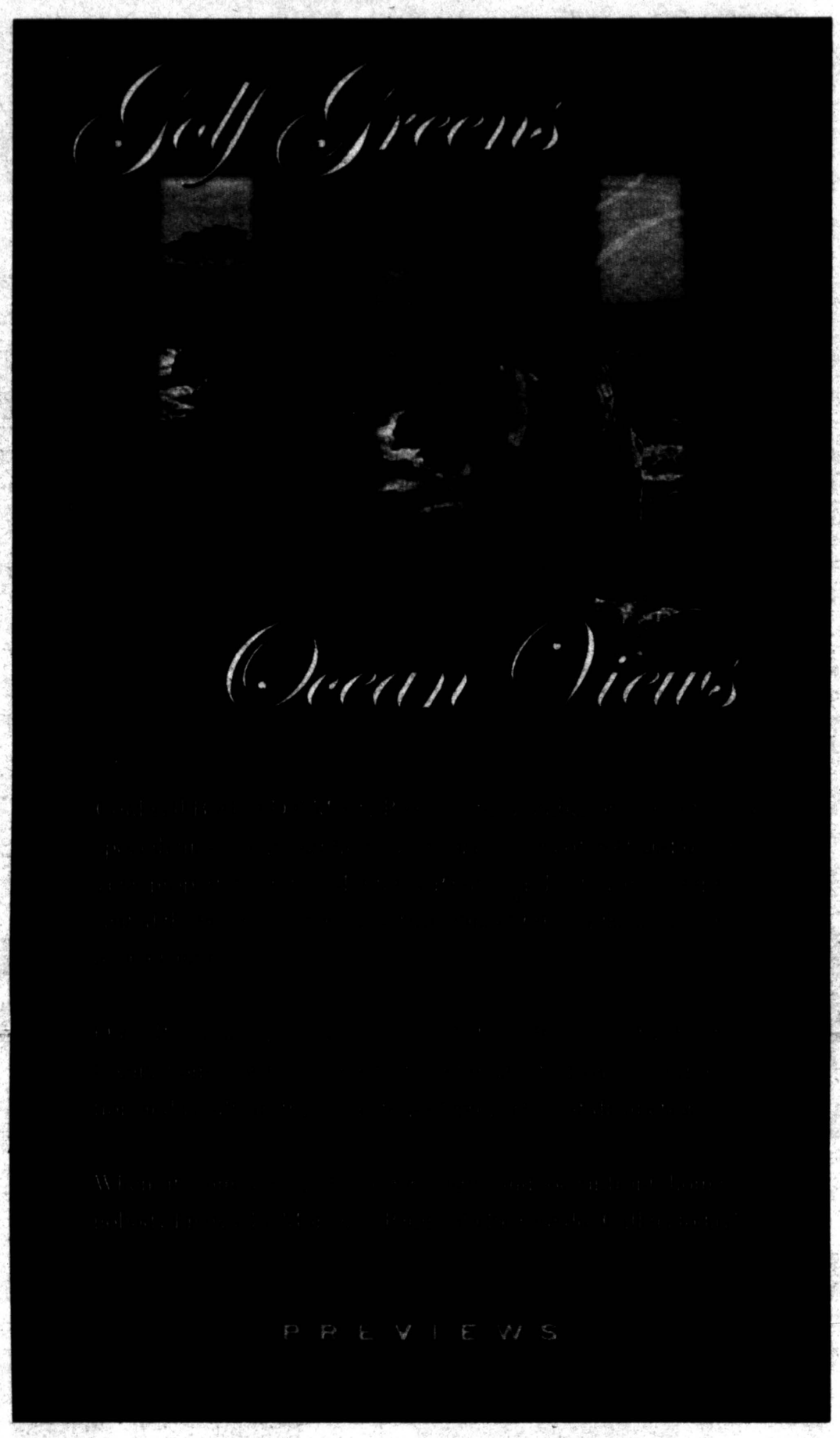

HIGHLANDS COTTAGE! Above the foaming waves of the Pacific and right next door to the famous Highlands Inn sits an ocean-view English cottage! The 2-bedroom main house comes with a guest apartment and a separate & roomy guest house with a fireplace in the living room. A romantic home with an ocean-view sun deck, on nearly half an acre. $1,370,000.

CARMEL VALLEY

"SUNLIT HILLS" ESTATE! A sheltering terrain creates privacy for this special 12-acre property nestled between the Santa Lucia Mountains and bordering the Carmel River. Across from Bernardus Lodge. Extensive use of woods, mosiac, glass & travertine marble characterize the formal ambiance of this 4-bedroom, 4-bath residence. Pool, plus cabana, with 3 dressing rooms, which doubles as a guest house. $3,300,000.

OFF HIGHWAY 68

LAS PALMAS GEM! This gorgeous one-story home has 3 bedrooms plus sitting room and 2-1/2 baths. Featuring vaulted ceilings, French doors, two-inch wood blinds, maple floors in the family room, and a sitting room. Wonderful patio area, large side yard and no rear neighbors. $424,800.

NEW ON MARKET! This picture-perfect 3-bedroom, 2-1/2-bath home in Las Palmas ranch is minutes from town. There are two-story ceilings in the formal living room and dining room, a fireplace in the family room, an upstairs study, and a kitchen with corian counters. Elegant window treatments add luxury to this fine, four-year-old home. Covered stone patio and landscaped yard. $435,000.

SALE PENDING

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